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Why Mrs Gandhi is tightening the screws, page 14

Mr Healey admits leficit may be £12,000m

ain's Budget deficit for the current financial could be as much as £12,000m—a third more originally estimated, Mr Healey, Chancellor ie Exchequer, said in formal letters of appli- on for loans of almost £1,000m from the rnational Monetary Fund.

IMF told of plans to curb demand

elvyn Westlake
mics Staff

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Healey told the Com- yesterday that the IMF approved both Britain's ations for loans on the ay of 1975. He said the nment would shortly be g 1,000m special drawing (about £575m) from the "oil facility", which pecially created to help ies with balance of pay- deficits resulting from intupling of the oil price.

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present unemployment leaves little room for the borrowing need in , but it is "my intention rain domestic demand in o ensure that resources ilable for net exports", ter says.

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g that the money supply an annual rate of a er 10 per cent in the f of 1975-76, the Chan- ys that some recovery emand for credit seems rom now on, and the es have already taken ction to control the con- sequent expansion of the monetary aggregates.

Present policy "would imply domestic credit expansion at an annual rate of £9,000m in the second half of this financial year and in 1976-77". This appears to imply an annual increase in the money supply in the range 15-20 per cent in both periods, which is much faster than had hitherto been supposed.

"I am ready to make further use of the monetary instruments available, as and when events make this necessary, in order to ensure that monetary policy continues to support the achievement of the Government's overall economic policy objectives", Mr Healey says.

The Government has already announced that work is in hand to bring about the extensive use of cash limits in 1976-77 on public spending. Such limits will initially apply to about three quarters of central government-voted spending (other than expenditure on social security cash and debt interest), Mr Healey makes it clear.

He is now hoping that the country will have a surplus on its overseas trading accounts during 1978, although he emphasizes that this will depend on a revival of world trade. He expects a smaller deficit in 1976-77 than in the current financial year, which he estimates at around £2,000m. In 1974-75 it exceeded £3,000m.

The Chancellor reiterates the broad strategy of the present Government, being the "transformation of the United Kingdom economy into one based on high output, high earnings and full employment".

He is confident that the year-on-year increase in prices will be brought down to below 10 per cent by the end of this year, but makes it clear that this will have to be consolidated through further pay restraint policies when the present £6 pay policy comes to an end next summer.

By 1980, the letter says, Britain will be self-sufficient in oil. However, in the immediate future financing from abroad will be needed. The Government believes it to be undesirable to allow gross official reserves to decline significantly below present levels.

This suggests that the Government could make further borrowings in coming months because the present loans could be exhausted before the overseas trading deficit is converted to a surplus.

The Government, Mr Healey adds, intends to continue the flexible exchange rate policy that Britain has pursued since the pound was allowed to float in the summer of 1972. Intervention in the exchange market will continue to ensure orderly conditions.

He says that the Government remains opposed to restrictions on trade, especially generalized restrictions. "However, in current economic circumstances, there may be cases where particular industries which are viable are threatened with serious injury as a result of increased imports, and where the Government may need to consider temporary protective measures." But if this were necessary, the Government would consult with the IMF.

UDA group goes on 'standby' after Belfast explosion kills four

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

The frail hope that Ulster's bitterly divided politicians might reach agreement by their new deadline of March 3 was dealt a further blow yesterday by the first bomb attack without warning in the centre of Belfast since the Provisional IRA ceasefire was declared last February.

At least four people, two men and two women, were killed and 20 injured in the blast, which occurred in a crowded shopping arcade and wrecked a large hardware store, burying many customers in tons of rubble.

Witnesses said that the 10lb bomb was planted by two teenage girls. Although there was no immediate claim of responsibility it was widely believed to have been the work of the Belfast brigade of the Provisional IRA.

An increase in republican terror attacks had been expected in the wake of Monday's Westminster debate on the future of Northern Ireland. Soon after the attack there was evidence that it had caused the inevitable response and served to harden attitudes among the angry "loyalist" population.

The west Belfast battalion of the Ulster Defence Association announced that its men had been put on "standby" and threatened merciless retaliation against those responsible for the outrage.

The explosion came at a crucial period for the immediate political future as members of all parties to the newly recalled Ulster Convention were in the process of formulating their response to Mr Rees's call for them to reconsider the proposals contained in the report presented last November.

Among members of both main political camps, the dominant loyalist coalition and the mainly Roman Catholic Social Democratic and Labour Party, there have been signs of disagreements over the course to follow during the extra four weeks allowed to the Convention. The full extent of those will become clear after two vital party meetings to be held today.

On the SDLP side there is deep concern about the Government's decision to rule out of the argument over a new form of regional government, an institutionalized Council of Ireland. Among the 40 members of the United Ulster Unionist Coalition the differences centre on the extent of cooperation that should be given to the Government's efforts to find an acceptable compromise.

One significant development during the day was the disclosure that a group of politicians from both sides is to meet soon to discuss another course, negotiated independence for Northern Ireland within the Commonwealth. During the past weeks there has been growing support among some well-known political figures for exploring that avenue.

In addition to the talks among politicians, there is growing realization about the role the armed paramilitary organizations will play in the attempts to find a solution.

That was starkly emphasized by a meeting that took place at an undisclosed address in Belfast last night between heads of the main loyalist private armies and senior members of the UUUC, including its deputy leader, Mr Ernest Baird. No details about the meeting were given, but Mr Baird said: "The get-together is private and is intended to explore the possibilities of achieving a united front to put forward our proposals."

Earlier Mr Rees, the Secretary of State, returned from Westminster to meet security chiefs and to explain in more detail the exact intentions of the British Government during the next and final stage of the experimental Convention.

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An injured woman receiving first aid after the bomb explosion in Belfast yesterday.

Iceland is poised for break with Britain

By Roger Berthoud

There were fears in London last night that the Icelandic Government was contemplating a break in diplomatic relations with Britain over the cod war.

One report from Reykjavik even quoted Mr Gunnar Thoroddsen, the Icelandic Minister of Commerce, as saying that the break would come today when the Icelandic parliament's foreign relations committee would discuss the matter, or tomorrow.

But so swift a break is thought unlikely, as Dr Joseph Luns, the Secretary-General of Nato, will arrive in Reykjavik today to begin his mediation in the increasingly bitter dispute between two members of the alliance.

In Reykjavik yesterday, Mr Thoraninn Thorarinnson, the chairman of the foreign relations committee, thought the committee would give the Government the go-ahead to break off relations with Britain. It would then be up to the Government to decide

Mr Niels Sigurdsson, the Icelandic Ambassador in London, though he would have an any imminent break in relations, nor that Norway had been asked to represent Iceland in London.

On board HMS Leander, off Iceland, Jan 13.—Icelandic patrol boats harassing British trawlers appear to have changed their tactics, and do not seem intent on cutting their nets.

"I feel they have shifted the emphasis towards a propaganda operation now," Captain John Tait, commander of the naval force protecting the trawlers, said today.—Reuter.

Reykjavik, Jan 13.—An earthquake shook Iceland today, forcing the evacuation of the 300 residents of the village of Kopasker.

Radio reports said that a number of houses had collapsed, water mains were broken, telephone lines cut off and electricity services interrupted.—Agence France-Presse.

Tories denounce plan for devolution as 'leading to conflict'

By Hugh Noyes,
Parliamentary Correspondent,
Westminster

The Prime Minister was given a clear warning in the Commons yesterday at the start of the four-day devolution debate that there is little enthusiasm anywhere in the House for the Government's proposals for separate Scottish and Welsh assemblies.

From the very beginning, long before Mr Wilson sat down to scarcely a murmur of approval, even from his own front bench, the deep divisions became starkly apparent.

In spite of, or indeed, for some MPs because of, the repeated assurances from Mr Wilson that the Government's proposals would not lead to the breaking up of the United Kingdom, the Prime Minister was left in little doubt that he will require all his political skills if he is successfully to shoot the devolutionary rapids.

The one point on which all MPs could agree was the Government's wisdom in leaving the final decision on what the Prime Minister described as "the most fundamental constitutional development in this century" to the far-off days of the next session of Parliament.

He was repeatedly interrupted during his lengthy outline of the Government's case with angry criticism, not only from the Opposition benches but also from Welsh and English Labour MPs.

From the Tory front bench Mrs Thatcher denounced what the Government was proposing as cumbersome, costly and leading inevitably to conflict, argument and confrontation. She made clear that unless there were big changes in the Government's plans, there would be little hope of Conservative support at the final count.

Pounding the drum for a united Britain, Mrs Thatcher told the House that for centuries the people of these islands had together made an unparalleled contribution to the history of the human race. Nothing must be done to jeopardize the future of that partnership.

The first feature of the Government's proposals, she said, was that they were likely to lead to maximum conflict, friction and argument between the assemblies and government and Parliament. They would lead to a vast extension of bureaucracy and its cost.

The Government, she suggested, shsould try to reduce the probability of conflict by subjecting the devolved powers to judicial control and not to the political control of a veto.

There was a danger of producing a system which although intended to give more power to the people, ended by removing power from the people. The Conservative proposals, she said, would be linked into the Westminster system rather than run in parallel.

Mr Wilson struggled against the strong tide flowing against him. He first rejected the nationalists demands for complete separatism and the federal proposals of the Liberal Party. The Government, he said, believed that a great majority of the Scottish and Welsh peoples did not want to break up the United Kingdom.

Turning on the Liberals, the Prime Minister warned them that any federal solution would be at best contrived and artificial and at worst unworkable and unwanted. It would mean a written constitution and would have to be arbitrary and legalistic.

On the Conservative proposals for an elected assembly in Edinburgh with a legislative role subordinate to Westminster, Mr Wilson said that would be administratively unworkable and politically unacceptable to the Scottish people.

Half of the Government's critics, he added, were saying that it had gone too far, while the other half contended that it had not gone far enough.

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Future of OAU in question after total failure to agree on Angola

From Nicholas Ashford
Addis Ababa, Jan 13

The civil war in Angola is to go on. After more than 30 hours of discussions behind closed doors the leaders of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) ended their emergency meeting early today without reaching agreement on a single resolution towards ending the war. Even a condemnation of South African involvement eluded them.

Instead the African leaders departed from Addis Ababa more deeply divided than at any time since the organization was founded in 1963 and acutely aware of the warning by President Kaunda of Zambia that failure to find an "African solution" to Angola would confirm that the OAU had no power to shape the destiny of the continent.

The meeting eventually broke up shortly before six o'clock this morning after an all-night session during which persistent attempts were made to agree on a compromise, or at least face-saving, resolution.

Almost until the last moment it seemed that a compromise was possible, particularly after the Nigerians, who had tabled a resolution supporting the recognition of the leftist Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA), had agreed to make some important concessions. These included the condemnation of "other foreign intervention" in addition to that of South Africa and a commitment to the MPLA which fell short of outright recognition.

But the determination of the opposing group, which favours a government of national unity in Angola, to name the Soviet Union and Cuba as well as South Africa in a condemnation of foreign involvement in the war proved to be unacceptable to the 22 countries supporting the MPLA. When it was clear that impasse had been reached, the meeting decided to adjourn and, in the words of the one-sentence communiqué, "request the bureau of the twelfth OAU summit to continue to follow the Angolan problem closely".

Bleary-eyed delegates emerging from the meeting made little attempt to hide their disappointment over the outcome. Mr Daniel Arap Moi, the Kenyan Vice-President, said the people of Angola had been let down and that it was a sad moment for Africa. Mr Peter Onu, the official OAU spokesman, admitted that the failure to reach agreement had been a "traumatic shock" for the organization although all hope was not lost. One Ivory Coast delegate complained that in his view the meeting should never have been held in the first place.

However, later today President Amin of Uganda, the organization's current chairman, demonstrated the gap between rhetoric and reality that still exists in Africa when he said he was "very, very happy with the result of the summit". He was confident that the nine-nation bureau, which

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Queen will ignore 'stay away' call

By a Staff Reporter

Advice to the Queen not to open the 1976 Olympic Games in July was received coolly at Buckingham Palace yesterday.

Mr Victor Goldbloom, the minister in the Quebec Provincial Cabinet responsible for the installations at the Games, said in a French-language radio broadcast that although the Queen was a "charming person", he did not believe it was necessary to import foreign personalities to open "our Olympics".

He was slightly worried about the chance of trouble if the Queen opened the Games, not least because there had been demonstrations during her visit to Quebec in 1964.

Similar but more sharply worded advice came also from the St Jean-Baptiste Society, dedicated to the preservation of French culture in Quebec, which told the Queen in a telegram that her visit would jeopardize the social and political peace of the province.

At Buckingham Palace it was pointed out that the Queen had been invited by the International Olympic Committee as Queen of Canada to open the Games, and on the advice of the Prime Minister of Canada had accepted to do so.

Steel plant craftsmen call for pay cuts

From Our Correspondent
Merthyr Tydfil

Representatives of 1,800 workers from four unions at the Ebbw Vale steelworks in South Wales yesterday suggested to management at the plant that all British Steel Corporation employees should accept wage cuts to help the industry out of its difficulties.

Leaders of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, the electricians' union, the Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers and the boilermakers' society want to see proportional wage cuts ranging from 2 per cent for shop-floor workers to 15 per cent for senior executives introduced so that the steel industry can save £1m a week.

After their meeting with the union leaders, whose members form the plant's branch of the National Craft Coordinating Committee, the management refused to comment on the proposals.

Mr Graham Healey, the plant's AUEW convener, said: "We represent four of the unions at the works, but the suggestion has been put to the leaders of all the other unions and they agreed to ask their full-time officers to open discussions about it with the BSC.

"It has been put to the management in London, but we have heard nothing from our union leaders about it, so we decided to ask the management in our meeting today to open discussions. But the management did not comment. They looked at us with blank faces, as you would expect from executives who have never had to take a pay cut.

"We recognize that the steel industry has a problem and we are prepared to take a pay cut if everybody else in the industry is prepared to take proportional cuts." The proposed cuts of 2 to 15 per cent were only an example.

"There is a need to discuss this topic as soon as possible, and if we got round the table we might decide that the best figures to start at would be 3, 4 or 5 per cent, ending at 35 per cent for the top salaried people. We want to show that the workers are trying to take a responsible attitude to the difficulties the industry faces.

"The corporation says it needs £8m a week to break even. This scheme would yield £1m of that a week and it would save more money than would be saved by the end of weekend working at the plant."

Employment changes, page 17

Police hunt for rapist

A police hunt was launched yesterday for a man who raped two women at Reading, Berkshire, in 24 hours. Every available officer was transferred to the hunt after a car had been found dumped near Yateley.

The Hampshire and Thames Valley forces issued a warning to women in a 30 sq mile area to watch out for the man.

Students leave

Students occupying the Libyan Embassy in London voted yesterday to end their occupation, 24 hours before they had planned. They were protesting at the alleged killing of 16 students at Benghazi University, which has been denied.

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Peace move by doctors

A settlement of the junior doctors' dispute came nearer when joint evidence to be given to the review body on the pricing of overtime in their new contract was agreed between officials of the Department of Health and the doctors' leaders, and endorsed by the Hospital Junior Staffs Committee Page 2

Fourth bomb found at UN offices

A bomb was found and defused at the Iraqi Mission in New York before the Security Council resumed its Middle East debate with the Palestine Liberation Organization participating. Three others were defused outside UN headquarters on Monday. A Jewish group claims responsibility Page 7

'CIA agents' named

A left-wing Paris newspaper yesterday named 32 people, mostly attached to the United States Embassy, who, it claimed, were agents of the Central Intelligence Agency Page 6



Kissing to stop: Scenes such as this may soon disappear if the recommendation of a Football League committee is accepted. The committee have proposed that kissing and cuddling after a goal is scored should be stopped.
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Left-wing beaten in elections at Cowley

Extremist left-wingers were defeated by moderates yesterday in shop steward elections at British Leyland's assembly plant at Cowley. Mr Alan Thornett, known as "the Mole", was among the defeated left-wingers Page 2

Madrid conciliation

The Spanish Interior Minister dined with the leader of the outlawed Popular Socialist Party, according to informed sources, as Government officials began offering political "respectability" to those outside the establishment Page 6

Cane 'degrading'

Two many teachers act illegally in caning children, the Society of Teachers Opposed to Physical Punishment complains. For boys or girls caning was degrading Page 3

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HOME NEWS

Ministry agrees with junior hospital doctors on evidence for calculating overtime pay

By John Roper
Medical Reporter

Joint evidence to be given to the doctors' review body on the pricing of the junior hospital doctors' overtime in their new contract was agreed yesterday between officials of the Department of Health and the juniors' leaders. It was endorsed later by a full meeting of the Hospital Junior Staffs Committee.

Dr Peter Zachariae for the juniors said both meetings had been harmonious. Asked if all junior doctors would accept the committee's decision, he replied: "The committee was as fully representative as it could be."

The decision means that the suspension of industrial action by the juniors will continue. Within the next week or two the junior doctors may join the dispute involving consultants over the issue of private practice.

The feeling among junior leaders is that registrars and senior registrars, the consultants of the future, ought to vote in a ballot on the issue. They have supported their seniors in opposition to the Government's proposals on the separation of private practice from the National Health Service. The ballot papers on compromise proposals reached after consultations in which Lord Goodman took part went to all consultants last week.

The Hospital Consultants and Specialists Association, claiming to represent about 5,000 consultants, yesterday issued guidance to its members in a booklet containing a form for resignation from the health service.

It said that if the patient was to remain the most important person in the health service, to whom the Government and the profession owed primary loyalty, medicine must be divorced from party politics. No government could do that so long as it played the dual role of provider of services and employer of doctors.

The booklet said it hoped its arguments would convince consultants that resignation was not a flight of fancy by idealists but was a practical proposition.

It advises consultants that before the day on which resignation becomes effective they should try to see that as many of their patients as possible had been discharged from hospital. If patients remain it advises that consultants should continue to care for them free, by arrangement with the health authority, until other arrangements could be made for their safe treatment.

The hospital consultants' resignation form states: "I do this as a matter of principle. Political interference in the practice of medicine has now reached an intolerable level. This has caused a fall in the standard of care available to patients and I believe that their interests can best be protected by the withdrawal of doctors from the NHS so that the proper relationship between doctor and patient can be restored unfettered by outside interference."

The juniors' committee carried a motion last night, with one vote against and one abstention, that no member of a junior hospital staff should work with any consultant or person appointed to replace a consultant who had resigned from the service.

Health Service inquiry job unwanted, BMA man says

By Our Medical Reporter

Devolution and the Royal Commission on the National Health Service are the two most important factors that may affect the health service immediately, Dr Elston Grey-Turner, deputy secretary of the British Medical Association, said yesterday.

Dr Grey-Turner, who succeeds Dr Derek Stevenson as BMA secretary in July, suggested that the fact that neither the chairman nor members of the royal commission had yet been appointed strongly suggested that no one wanted to take on what would "certainly be a hot potato".

The royal commission, he told a meeting of the Royal Society of Health on the reorganized health service, would have to consider whether the health service should be run by government departments or a corporation as well as the financing of the service and whether the question of contributions from patients ought to be examined more closely.

The commission would also have to consider whether the health service would benefit from a system under which people who had not undergone full medical training could, with some knowledge, make a useful contribution to health *care in general*.

Decisions on devolution, Dr Grey-Turner said, must have a great bearing on the service. A Scottish or Welsh assembly might decide on a different policy on private practice from that of the present government.

Dr Grey-Turner said the pro- Mr George Teeling-Smith, Director of the Office of Health *Economics, told the conference* that the ratio of dependants to productive workers was rising, partly because of medical intervention.

The question remained whether the public and individual patients were benefiting in real terms from the treatment they received.

Force for Armagh 'will be increased as reconnoitring is completed'

Mr Wilson says newspaper lied about SAS

By Our Political Editor

Both the Prime Minister and Mr Mason, Secretary of State for Defence, strongly deprecated in the Commons yesterday a *Daily Express report suggesting* that last week's government announcement on the deployment of the SAS in Armagh was misleading to the public. *The article was headed* "Pussyfoot crackdown".

The newspaper claimed that fewer than 20 members of the Special Air Service Regiment had arrived in Northern Ireland; and Mr George Younger, principal Opposition defence spokesman, stated that "the information I got yesterday was 11 SAS men, which surely cannot be considered a significant force in the light of the situation there".

Mr Wilson, at question time, said roundly that "there has been the most criminal misrepresentation of facts, if I may say so, lies, about what has been done in Northern Ireland". Mr Mason described the article as "highly speculative and misleading".

Mr Younger asked Mr Mason how many members of the SAS were present on *the ground in* south Armagh and "serving as advertised by the Prime Minister"; and what was the target for the total force to be sent.

The Secretary of State for Defence replied: "First, the SAS are deployed; second they will increase in numbers; and, contrary to what the *Daily Express* article says, they will stay there as long as the GOC in Northern Ireland requires them".

Mr Mason later added an assurance that the Government would be increasing *the numbers* of the SAS "as reconnoitring is completed and training is completed, so that they can fully do the job for which their special skills will be of service in Northern Ireland".

Mostly they would operate in uniform, though some of the time in plainclothes, as the rest of the security forces were allowed *to do in Northern* Ireland. When their special skills were deployed he hoped the SAS would make their impact. But "it will not be sudden: it will take time".

Mr Mason's Commons reply was fully in line with the information he gave senior colleagues late last week. On Monday *The Times reported* that the SAS unit "will not go into action until the intelligence reconnaissance being carried out by senior officers is complete". Mr Mason had made clear that the troops would not be committed without full tactical preparation.

> "Special troops will stay as long as the GOC in Northern Ireland requires them"

Nevertheless, the Opposition Front Bench and some Conservative backbenchers with usually reliable military sources nursed suspicions on Monday that the Government had been more interested in public relations than a tougher military response in Armagh.

On Independent Television News, Mr Younger admitted that it was always difficult to know when one was getting a full picture. The Opposition greatly welcomed the Government's stronger line in Armagh last week and "we and the general public got the impression that they were moving in a significant force of SAS".

Mr Younger said that he did not think it to *be a situation* where vast numbers of troops were wanted on the ground, but anybody who knew south Armagh recognized that a number as few as 20 SAS men was insignificant in terms of what was required.

The last thing he wanted to do was to press for troops to be sent unnecessarily. But "the public was given to *understand* a dramatic gesture had been made, and I hope we are not going to be let down".

He added that it would be in accordance with the Prime Minister's character if he made the gesture for publicity purposes. "The general public last Wednesday got the impression that '00 SAS was the smallest *force.*"

Moderates win in Leyland union poll

From Our Labour Staff
Oxford

Extreme left-wingers were defeated by moderates in the election of deputy senior shop stewards for the Transport and General Workers' Union at British Leyland's Cowley assembly plant.

The result of Monday's poll, declared at Transport House, Oxford, yesterday, means that the seven posts are held by four moderates and three left-wingers. The 66 per cent turnout among the 4,000 voters was high, reflecting the fierce campaigning by both sides, particularly the moderates.

Mr Alan Thornett, founder and leader of the Workers' Socialist League, who is known as "the Mole", was firmly defeated. He gained only 526 votes, thus avoiding an almost *certain* clash with Leyland over its refusal to recognize him in any senior union post.

The company has grudgingly given him recognition as a steward in the transport department, *where he is an internal* lorry driver, representing, with other stewards, about a hundred men.

Throughout the campaign he and the other left-wingers remained silent in the face of strident criticism from Mr Reginald Parsons, the senior shop steward, and other moderates.

Mr Frank Corti, secretary of the branch and an extreme left-winger, also failed to be elected, polling only 241 votes. The two other leading left-wingers defeated were Mr Anthony Homer (156 votes) and Mr Frederick Carmichael (234 votes). Those elected for two years were:

Mr James Barson	(1,668 votes)
Mr Albert *Paintin*	(1,224)
Mr Tom White	(1,171)
Mr Michael Taylor	(1,112)
Mr Thomas Glen	(1,085)
Mr C. Cy-Blake	(1,027)
Mr Robert Fryer	(1,001)

Mr Parsons made public during the campaign the names of the seven men he favoured out of the 34 candidates seeking reelection. Five of them were already deputy senior stewards. All but Mr Tom White, a left-winger, were moderates, and four of the seven were among the winners. Mr White dissociated himself from Mr Parsons' support.

Mr Parsons said at his home in Oxford last night that the result was a tremendous breakthrough which would snowball throughout the union movement. "This is good for Leyland and good for the country. Now is the time to get rid of these extremists."

In spite of the election of *Mr Fryer, one of nine men* Mr Parsons said he would not be able to work with. Mr Parsons said he would not be standing down. "My aim is to bring about stability and security for our work people; our victory does not end here.

"The extremists are still there and the seeds of unrest are waiting to be germinated. As and when these people *rear* their heads, I shall be forced to deal with them firmly. *I* intend to come down *hard* against extremism."

Recent transport union elections at Cowley have been criticized because of alleged irregularities, and the chairmen and secretaries of both union branches at the assembly plant had asked for Monday's *poll* to be postponed. Complaints about previous union elections, including some at the assembly plant, will be discussed by the union's Midland region today.

Angry 'loyalist' reaction to Belfast bomb explosion

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The *difficulties he faces* were illustrated at a press conference at Stormont Castle when an official handed over a piece of paper containing the first details of the bomb attack in Belfast. It is believed that Mr Rees had been warned by his advisers to expect a new wave of violence from the *Provisional* IRA.

Looking calmer and more relaxed than he has done for many weeks, Mr Rees outlined the three main areas of discussion that the Government will put to the Convention. Those will be outlined in a letter the chairman, Sir Robert Lowry, which will be published as a White Paper in the next few days.

He made it clear that the 78 members of the Convention will be asked to investigate three separate matters: whether there can be agreement on partnership: whether the committee system suggested by the majority report "as part of that, not by itself, is useful"; and whether a new structure of government could "evolve" from the 1973 Act.

Explaining that last idea, which has greatly confused local politicians, Mr Rees, said *that the Act, could prevent* any legislation to set up a new form of Ulster government from becoming bogged down in devolution proposals for the rest of the United Kingdom. They will take a long time to pass all their parliamentary stages.

"The point for the Convention is whether there is something in the 1973 Act which could be used soon," he stated. "*And then any changes that* have to be made would be made over a course of time."

During his 60-minute press conference, Mr Rees made it clear that despite the deliberate ambiguity of sections of his Commons statement there was no chance of the Government accepting any form of devolved government that did not include *what is still understood* in Northern Ireland to be power-sharing.

"There is not the slightest doubt that unless the two communities here can work together in government it won't be accepted by the Westminster Parliament. That is for sure", he replied to a sceptical questioner from the Irish state radio *corporation* who asked if the Government had "gone soft" on power-sharing.

It also emerged that during the second stage of the Convention the Government will play a much more positive role in the deliberations of the local politicians, both on the floor of the House and in their private inter-party meetings.

That move reflects criticism that the Government did not work hard enough last autumn to encourage the two sides to come together

Newspaper criticized, page 2

Defendant denies knowing of explosives in parcel

John Kerr, aged 25, commanding officer of an Ulster Defence Association brigade in Glasgow, said at the High Court in Glasgow yesterday that he arranged for a parcel to be posted to Belfast without *knowing it contained explosive.*

Mr Kerr, of Glenacre Drive, Castlemilk, Glasgow, is charged with two women.

The court has been told that the parcel contained 16 sticks of an unpredictable type of gelignite, enough to cause a disaster.

Mr Kerr, Mrs Alexandra Wilson, aged 23, and her mother, *Mrs Betsy Watson, aged* 64, both of Dalmarnock Road, Glasgow, deny that on September 16 last in the women's home and in Mason's Bar, as well as in a sub-postoffice, they had the explosives with intent to endanger life or cause damage to life or property. They also deny sending a parcel containing gelignite through the post.

Mr Kerr, who agreed with Mr Herbert Kerrigan, for the defence, that he was a member of the Apprentice Boys of Derry and that he collected for UDA prisoners, said he had been expecting UDA *song books and leather to be left in* Mason's Bar for him.

The leather was for prisoners in the Maze prison at Long Kesh to make wallets and purses for selling to provide extra comforts for themselves and families.

When he went in to Mason's Bar and was told there was a parcel for him he assumed that it was the books and leather he planned to send to Belfast. Although the box was open he did not look inside. He took it on trust and sealed it.

Mr Kerrigan *asked:* "Did you have any knowledge that there were explosives in that parcel?" Mr Kerr replied: "No, sir."

He would not have posted such a parcel. It would have endangered innocent people's lives. He had never seen a stick of explosives in his life.

Mr Kerr added that there was *no military involvement* with the UDA in Scotland. It was purely political. He added: "I am totally against sectarian violence."

The trial continues today.

Siege man's progress

Mr Walter Dixon, aged 89, of Nutfield, Surrey, who held policemen at bay with a shotgun for three hours on Monday, was in a satisfactory condition yesterday at Redhill General Hospital.

£60,000 for boy

Robert John Lightowler, aged 10, son of an Essex doctor, was awarded £60,000 agreed damages in the High Court yesterday for brain injuries he sustained in a crash while a passenger in his father's car in 1971.

Mr Peart says EEC beef plans are unacceptable

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

"I cannot accept the ending of a system of premia for beef production which has worked well both for consumers and producers", Mr Peart, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, told the Commons Select *Committee on European* Secondary Legislation yesterday when he explained the effects of the EEC price review.

He also strongly criticized proposals for milk and skimmed milk, which one member of the committee, Mr Marten, Conservative MP for Banbury, suggested might raise the price of butter by 5p a pound by the end of the year and put 6p on cheese.

Mr Hills, Conservative MP for Devon West, a farmer and former junior agriculture minister, said the proposed compulsory inclusion of 2 per cent skimmed milk powder in animal feeding stuff was a perfect illustration of British farmers and feed producers bearing the costs of uncontrolled production in the rest of the Community.

"British farmers are having to do this to reduce the huge Community stockpile, and I believe it is almost immoral", Mr Hills said. "Will the minister deal with this when he meets the other agricultural ministers and tell them strongly to put their own house in *order?*"

Mr Peart said he would pursue that. He knew there were strong feelings. The skimmed milk powder stockpile was one million tons, "a fantastic amount". New arrangements were directed at avoiding future surpluses.

On beef, Mr Peart said: "The commission has put forward *proposals which do not* meet our requirements. They want the phasing out of the fixed premia. . . .

"Our system of support, which relies mainly on premia, with intervention as a fallback, has worked well; it has been good value for the Community as well as for the United Kingdom, and I have *said that there are some other* countries where it would bring benefits.

"I have told the Council of Ministers that the commission's proposals to phase out premia are quite unacceptable. Those who suggest I am dithering must realize that I feel strongly on this, and so does the Government. I shall make *clear that we need to retain* the power to make these payments."

Ex-alderman is accused of land blackmail

From Our Correspondent
Manchester

Anthony Kelly, a former alderman at Stoke-on-Trent, demanded "a piece of the action" for helping a building firm to obtain planning permission, it was alleged at Manchester Crown Court yesterday.

Mr Kelly, a director of a rival company, said permission would be "deferred and deferred and deferred" if he did not receive a financial interest. Mr Charles McCullough, QC, for the prosecution, said.

Mr Kelly, aged 35, of Mereside Road, Mere, Cheshire, has pleaded not guilty to blackmail. It is alleged that he demanded an interest in the development of land at New Park, Trentham, or planning permission would be deferred.

Mr McCullough told the jury that the other company, Clarke Holmes Ltd, had an option to buy 76 acres of land at Trentham and had applied for planning permission. The committee handling the application had twice deferred a decision before Mr Kelly, then an alderman *on Stoke council*, told a solicitor acting for the firm: "I will see Clarke's get planning permission."

A complaint was made to the *town clerk, but during correspondence* Mr Kelly denied he had any influence with the council in regard to planning permission and said he had never claimed to have any influence. He maintained that the solicitor was confused about what had been said.

Mr McCullough said eventually planning permission was *refused by the council but the* decision was reversed after a public inquiry.

The trial continues today.

Donington Park racing circuit plan rejected

Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, yesterday rejected a plan to restore the famous prewar motor racing circuit, Donington Park, at Castle Donington, Leicestershire, because the Department was unable to impose conditions requiring improvements to the proposed access on private land.

It is understood that a fresh application, taking account of the reason for the department's refusal of permission, might be approved at local authority level.

Prisoner says he was thrown down steps

From Our Correspondent
Cardiff

Sean Edward Driscoll, aged 24, said at Cardiff Crown Court yesterday that he was thrown down a flight of steps by prison officers at Cardiff jail.

He was giving evidence against five prison officers who are accused of causing him bodily harm. They are: Charles Edward Parry, aged 27, of Hollybush Road; Ian James, aged 28, of Manor Way; Stephen Roy Vivian *Davies, aged 37, of Sandringham* Road; Haydn Craig Lewis, aged 31, of Flaxland Avenue, and Peter David Granville, aged 36, of Hollybush Road, all Cardiff.

Mr Driscoll said he was punched and kicked and dragged by the hair along a corridor, clad only in prison trousers. He added: "I made no attempt to resist. I was shocked at what was going on."

At the top of the stairs he was held by the hair and feet and was thrown down. He landed on the base of his spine and bounced down the steps, saving himself from going to the bottom by grasping the side railings.

In the hospital wing, where he was taken because he had been taking drugs, he was thrown into a "strip cell" containing nothing but a mattress on the floor. A number of officers entered the cell and stripped off his trousers and tore them up, one officer held one arm and another held the other, and they pulled so that he was stretched and in pain.

He said: "I was completely shocked by the sheer violence of it. I had never come across anything like it before."

The trial continues today.

'Evil people in US sent explosives'

From Our Correspondent
Southampton

Groups of "misguided and deliberately evil" people in the United States have supplied arms and explosives to terrorists in Northern Ireland, Sir Peter Rawlinson, QC, for the prosecution, said at Winchester Crown Court yesterday, when *the trial of two Belfast men* began.

James Kelly, aged 26, of Rockville Street, and Robert O'Rawe, aged 30, of Earl Street, both deny conspiring to contravene the Firearms Act and the Explosive Substances Act between January, 1971, and November, 1972.

Sir Peter said the case arose after police officers had checked a Ford Cortina car formerly owned by a Southampton car hire firm, at the Berkshire home of Mr Robert Barber, a perfectly respectable nursing officer. They found ammunition and explosives which had been hidden for more than two years inside the door trim panels. The explosives were destined for Northern Ireland.

Sir Peter added: "If it had not been foiled by chance there would have been many human beings dead or maimed by the delivery of these materials.

The find consisted of 4½lb of high explosive, 2½lb of C4, an American explosive described as one of the most powerful conventional explosives available, two TNT demolition charges, seven fuses for booby traps and 183 rounds of ammunition, including three shotgun cartridges loaded with lethal lead balls. Also in the car was a manual of machine guns and gunnery.

Sir Peter said the Crown's case was that Mr O'Rawe had hired the car in Southampton, using a fictitious name. It was loaded with its cargo with the help of others who had transported the explosives by ship from the United States and hidden them in Britain.

He said Mr Kelly was flown in from Ireland to drive the car back by way of Stranraer. But the delivery run was foiled and the car was returned to the hire firm.

Sir Peter said the car was hired out to many clients before being sold to a dealer. It was then bought by Mr Barber, of Crickets Field Drove, Crowthorne, in June, 1974. In November the police found the car with him and discovered the explosives.

"What horrified alarm there would have been if all these people had known they were driving around with explosives", he said.

The trial continues today.

Schools cut potatoes

Children are getting half the usual amount of potatoes with their meals at 500 schools in North Yorkshire because of rising prices. Potatoes are being replaced with pasta or rice and bread buns.

Music From The Schools Prom

The Times Educational Supplement is producing a long playing record album of the first-ever Schools Prom

The album, which will consist of two records, features music—recorded live at The Albert Hall—by all twelve groups which took part.

The twelve groups featured on the album are: The High Wycombe Music Centre Concert Band. St Anne's Chamber Ensemble, Southampton. Elmwood Junior School Steel Band, Croydon. Wolsey County Grammar School for Girls Orchestra, The Tabor Recorder Consort, Chelmsford. Ringsdale School Dance Band, London. The Darlington Youth Big Band. The Colchester Accordion Orchestra. Itchen Sixth Form College Wind Quintet, Southampton. The Brighton Youth Orchestra, The Eva Cordle String Orchestra, Weybridge, and the Teesside Youth Orchestra.

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£2m government plan will transform slum street

From Our Correspondent
Glasgow

A slum street in Maryhill, north-west Glasgow, is to be transformed into an attractive housing estate in a £2m government plan submitted to Glasgow City District Council yesterday.

Work on the plan, for Hathaway Lane, could start in October and be completed in 18 months. It would provide play areas, trees and flowers.

The street includes 353 flats of one and two rooms, with no bathroom and with a lavatory on the stairs. They are not of tolerable living standards and were to have been demolished to allow an extension, now shelved, to Shakespeare primary school.

A firm of architects and planning consultants produced a scheme which turns the flats "inside out", so that they will now all face Hathaway Lane, making it the focal point of *the community.*

There will be 233 flats of two and three rooms with hot and cold water, lavatory and kitchen. Instead of ash bins there will be refuse chutes. A pedestrian way will lead to a rest and play area.

Three in close fight for chess title

From Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent
Hastings

A close fight is going on for the first place in the Premier Chess Tournament at Hastings among Bronstein, Hort and Uhlmann. In the fourteenth round yesterday Bronstein took an early draw with Sigurjonsson in 19 moves.

But the other two leaders fought hard in an attempt to get ahead of the field. Both were well held by their young English opponents. At *one time Nunn looked to have* the advantage against Uhlmann but in the end the East German grandmaster managed to equalize.

The game between Hort and Bellin was adjourned in a highly critical position, and it was by no means sure that the Czechoslovak grandmaster held any advantage.

Miles, clearly shaken by his loss in the previous round, played somewhat weakly against Sosonko and resigned after losing much material.

The scores now are: Bronstein and Uhlmann 9½, Hort9 and 1 adjourned, Korchnoi 8½, Sigurjonsson, Sosonko and Taimanov 7½, Jansa and Miles 7, Kaplan and Stean 6½, Keene and Nunn 5½, Bisguier and Hartston 5, and Bellin 4 and 1 adjourned.

Results of round 14: Sosonko 1, Miles 0, QP Bononi def. Korchnoi 1, Keene 0, English opening: Stean ½, Bisguier ½, English opening: Hartston ½, Jansa ½, Sicilian def: Sigurjonsson ½, Bronstein ½, Sicilian def: Hort and against Bellin, QP Queen's Indian def: Kaplan ½, Taimanov ½, Sicilian def: Uhlmann ½, Nunn ½, English opening.

Adj game result, round 13: Kaplan ½, Uhlmann ½.

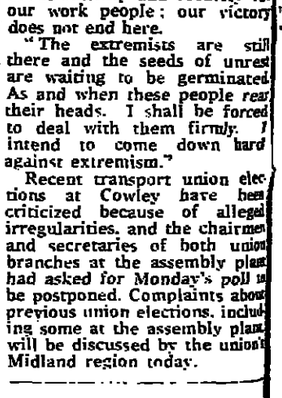
Adj game result, round 15: Bronstein 1, Hartston 0.

Dispute halts ferry

The ferry service across the Mersey between Birkenhead and Liverpool was halted yesterday by a manning dispute. Management and the Transport and General Workers' Union will meet today to discuss the issue.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 8.1 am Sun sets: 4.18 pm
Moon sets: 5.20 am Moon rises: 1.57 pm
Full moon: January 17.
Lighting up: 4.48 pm to 7.30 am.
High water: London Bridge, 11.27 am, 5.9m (19.2ft); 11.59 pm, 6.2m (20.3ft). Avonmouth, 4.29 am, 10.7m (35.1ft); 5.5 pm, 11.2m (36.6ft). Dover, 8.55 am, 5.6m (18.3ft); 9.29 pm, 5.8m (19.1ft). Hull, 3.44 am, 6.0m (19.8ft); 4.11 pm, 6.4m (20.9ft). Liverpool, 9.2 am, 7.9m (26.0ft); 9.24 pm, 8.1m (26.5ft).

A mild SW airstream over all districts will be replaced by colder air in all except SE England after a trough *moves SE.*

London, SE England, Channel Islands: Rather cloudy, mainly dry, bright intervals; wind SW moderate; max temp, 11°C (52°F).

East Anglia, central SE, SW, *central N England*, Midlands, S Wales: Cloudy, occasional rain, hill fog, becoming brighter and mainly dry; wind SW veering W, moderate or fresh; max temp, 10°C (50°F).

North Wales, NW, NE England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen: Cloudy, rain at times, hill fog, becoming brighter with scattered showers; wind S *veering* W, fresh or strong; max temp, 10°C (40°F), becoming colder.

SW, NE, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, Orkney, N Ireland: Cloudy, rain at *times, hill* fog, becoming brighter with occasional showers, snow on high ground; wind S, veering W, strong, locally gale, max temp, 10°C (50°F).

Shetland: Cloudy, rain or sleet at times, hill fog, becoming brighter with occasional showers, wind S, veering W, strong or gale, max temp, 6°C (43°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Dry at first, rain in N and W later, mild.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 am to 6 pm, 12°C (52°F); min, 6 pm to 6 am, 8°C (46°F). Humidity 6 pm, 78 per cent. Rain, 24hr to *6 pm, nil. Sun*, 24hr to 6 pm, 0.3hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,027.9 millibars, steady. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

	C	F		C	F		C	F		C	F
Algiers	s	18	64	Cardiff	r	10	50	Jersey	c	11	52
Amsterdam	s	12	54	Cologne	r	9	48	L. Palmas	s	24	75
Athens	s	18	64	Copenhgn	s	7	45	Lisbon	s	18	64
Barcelona	s	16	61	Dublin	c	11	52	Locarno	s	11	52
Beirut	s	20	68	Edinburgh	c	6	43	London	s	11	52
Belfast	r	9	48	Florence	c	10	50	Luxemburg	c	7	45
Berlin	r	4	39	Funchal	f	17	63	Madrid	s	7	45
Biarritz	c	9	48	Geneva	c	11	52	Majorca	s	15	59
Birmingham	c	10	50	Gibraltar	f	15	59	Malaga	s	21	70
Bristol	c	10	50	Guernsey	c	10	50	Malta	s	17	63
Brussels	r	8	46	Helsinki	sn	-1	30	Manchstr	c	10	50
Budapest	c	11	52	Innsbruck	f	12	54	Moscow	sn	-17	1
				Istanbul	f	13	55	Munich	c	6	43
								Naples	r	13	55
								Nice	c	13	55
								Oslo	c	0	32
								Paris	c	10	50
								Reykjvik	sn	1	34
								Rome	c	13	55
								Rondsavy	c	0	32
								Stockholm	c	0	32
								Tel Aviv	f	19	66
								Venice	r	13	55
								Vienna	r	10	50
								Warsaw	r	4	39
								Zurich	c	6	43

Overseas selling prices: Austria Sch 15; Belgium, phr 15; Canaries, Pes 10; Denmark, Kr 1.50; Finland, Fmk 0.50; France, fr 1.50; Germany, Dmk 0.40; Greece, Dr 20; Holland, Dfl 1.75; Italy, Lire 200; Lebanon, Lp 30; Madeira, Esc 17; Malta, 5c; Norway, Kr 4.00; Portugal, Esc 20; Spain, Pes 15; Sweden, Skr 5.75; Switzerland, Sfr 1.50; Canada, $1.00; Yugoslavia, Din 20.

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HOME NEWS

Teachers allege blind eye turned to illegal caning

Too many teachers are acting illegally in caning and strapping children, and some local authorities are turning a blind eye, it was suggested yesterday.

The accusation came from the Society of Teachers Opposed to Physical Punishment (Stop), intervening in the controversy over the caning of girls by head teachers.

Punishments are supposed to be recorded formally in a "punishment book", the society said. "But we hear of a lot of unrecorded slappings and slippings, and it is well known that this sort of thing goes on." Local authorities should look more deeply into whether schools carry out the proper procedures. The recent outbreak of cases was deplorable, and the argument about sex equality was totally false. "Caning or strapping is equally undignified and degrading for both boys and girls. The cane does not have any lasting deterrent effect."

Stop said it welcomed the move by Mrs Renée Short, MP, who is to ask the Secretary of State for Education and Science how many schools use corporal punishment. "We would also like him to produce statistics on the number of times the cane or strap is used on girls."

Another opponent of corporal punishment, Mr Peter Newell, author of a book, *Last Resort? Corporal Punishment in Schools*, said there were few areas where corporal punishment of girls was barred.

"In urban areas, particularly in secondary schools, corporal punishment is still very much in use, not as a last resort but as a common form of punishment", he said.

Mr Terence Casey, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, defended the right of teachers to cane children if, in their professional judgment, that was the best course.

Teachers were not sadists, he said, and if in the view of some woman teachers the cane was the one way to deal with lourish girls he would back their judgment.

Most teachers felt that smacking, caning or strapping, though not good, might in many cases be better than chaos and mayhem in school. He would never use corporal punishment when parents opposed it.

Mr Casey emphasized that as far as his association's policy was concerned suspension or exclusion from school was the proper course for the violent and constantly disruptive child.

Month's delay to allow both sides to explain plans

Report on Fleet Street postponed

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

The Royal Commission on the Press yesterday agreed to postpone its interim report on the financial plight of Fleet Street for a month to allow employers and unions to explain how they are putting the industry's house in order.

The commission's willingness to extend the period of its investigation into national newspapers until the end of February was communicated to the Newspaper Publishers Association after secret talks with the employers and printing union leaders.

Negotiations aimed at producing a joint submission to the commission from the NPA and the unions, involving revolutionary changes in the industrial outlook of Fleet Street, have begun on the basis of a confidential document prepared by the TUC printing industries committee. The talks will be resumed on Friday.

The paper put to the NPA by the unions lists five points on which there must be agreement. They are:

1 No compulsory redundancies in the areas covered by the introduction of new printing technology, except where a newspaper was in what "was mutually agreed as a desperate financial position".

2 The unions would cooperate in the introduction of new technology and methods.

3. The system of casual employment on Fleet Street to be examined by a joint working party, with employers accepting "their social obligations to all those in the industry".

4. Voluntary redundancy, early retirement and "adequate pension schemes" to be *jointly examined* by the two sides.

5. The unions would examine immediately the implications of continuing recruitment into the industry.

The unions added that they were anxious to see the establishment of a firm base for the future development on mutually determined policies to deal with the challenge presented by new technology and methods.

That heartening attitude by the unions, which have often sought to avoid the issue of modernizing newspaper production, has clearly convinced the commission that postponement of the interim report to await the joint submission of the two sides is worth-while.

The TUC printing industries committee covers in its eight-page set of proposals to the NPA all the contentious areas of trade union activity in the national newspapers: demarcation and related difficulties; the issue of redundancies; the difficulty presented by inadequate pension arrangements; retraining, and the abolition of casual employment in the industry.

In their conclusion to the document the unions hope that the proprietors will accept their ideas as a new way in which the industry can tackle positively the difficult issues facing Fleet Street. The TUC committee's paper is being used as a starting point for moves towards the joint submission.

Scots judge calls for stiffer sentences

From Our Correspondent
Edinburgh

Lord Wheatley, Lord Justice-Clerk, yesterday urged courts to take stern measures to try to reduce Scotland's rising murder figures.

Statistics showed that last year Scotland ranked as Western Europe's third most violent country, with a total of 53 murders.

Lord Wheatley said he would impose stiffer sentences on people using offensive weapons. He was speaking at the High Court in Edinburgh before sentencing Simon Peter McAleer, aged 34, an oil rig labourer, to six years' imprisonment for a knife attack on a man in an Aberdeen bar.

He said: "The public has rightly been disturbed recently by the large increase in the number of murders in Scotland. Many of these have stemmed from this sort of incident.

"With the removal of capital punishment it seems to me that one way to bring down the number of murders arising out of incidents of this nature is to make sure that those who commit assaults resulting in death or serious injury should be seriously dealt with."

Lord Wheatley added that if courts took a serious view of the use of offensive weapons the murder rate in Scotland might be reduced.

Mr McAleer had pleaded guilty to stabbing Mr George Davidson, of Ferrier Crescent, Aberdeen, twice in the back.

Mr Mason threatens to resign over cuts

By Henry Stanhope
Defence Correspondent

Mr Mason, Secretary of State for Defence, told the Commons yesterday that he could not accept defence cuts that jeopardized the security of the Western alliance.

His resignation threat came after that of Mr Rodgers, Minister of State for Defence, who has said that he could not remain a member of a government whose policy impaired Western security.

Mr Mason said: "If defence spending has to be cut it is my duty to make sure that it does not impinge on our Nato commitments and the part we play in that alliance".

It was right that when social services programmes were coming under scrutiny defence spending should as well. But he added: "It may be possible to cut back on the tail end of our combat capability without affecting the teeth".

He made clear, however, that the Government had not yet completed its review of public spending. There were thus no proposed cuts for Nato to react to.

The last Defence Review had not impaired Western security and he was hopeful that the present review would not impair it either.

But he counselled caution on the idea for a European defence community suggested in a report by Mr Tindemans, Prime Minister of Belgium. It would be difficult to organize because some of the Nato allies were not members of the European Community.

Mr Mason's apparent reassurances on threatened cuts in defence spending were welcomed by the Armed Forces last night, as was a defence by Mr Rodgers of the Multi-Role Combat Aircraft (MRCA), the Anglo-German-Italian swing-wing aircraft whose future comes under official and unofficial scrutiny whenever defence spending is reviewed.

Mr Rodgers said studies had just been completed of the fighter version, as opposed to the strike model. A decision to move on to full development had still to be taken.

But he added: "On the facts at our disposal there is no way of ensuring the air defence of Britain more cheaply than the present proposals." All three countries are buying the strike version, but the fighter is being developed for Britain alone.

Men 'used poison threat to blackmail food company'

Two men tried to blackmail Cadbury-Schweppes for £80,000 by threatening to contaminate some of the company's products with poison and then to distribute them through retailers, a jury at Birmingham Crown Court was told yesterday by Mr Brian Escott Cox, QC, for the prosecution.

The demands, he said, were made to the company's directors using the code number 21 and they spoke of carnage if the demands were not met.

Mr Escott Cox added that in support of their demands the men sent the company an envelope containing enough strychnine to kill a hundred people and a note saying that the poison had been put in 6,000 boxes of Cadbury's Smash and in Cuppa soups.

John Christopher Curley, aged 30, of Ford Park, Ulverston, Cumbria, and Francis James Mullally, aged 32, of Whitebeam Road, Chelmsley Wood, Birmingham, denied making an unwarranted demand for £80,000 from Cadbury-Schweppes with menaces.

Mr Curley also pleaded not guilty to stealing a bottle of tincture of aconite and other poisons, and stealing a book, *Guide to Key British Enterprises*, from Cumbria County Council. Mr Mullally denied dishonestly assisting in the retention of stolen poisons.

Mr Escott Cox said that on February 26 last year, a man telephoned to the home of Mr D. Borland, a Cadbury director. He said that a sample quantity of the company's products, contaminated with poisons, had been sent to the company with a letter demanding money.

Mr Curley and Mr Mullally were arrested in a police trap, council added.

Woman workers refuse to end longer breaks

From Arthur Osman
Birmingham

Negotiations were still in progress yesterday at Leyland Cars' transmissions factory in Birmingham over the 19 minute break allowed each day to 100 women in the machine shop for personal needs.

Their refusal to give up the time means that they are receiving only 93 per cent of the wage rate, not equal pay.

Last year their female colleagues at the Longbridge factory in the city surrendered the concession to be on a par with male workers. Leyland is concerned lest men should complain of discrimination if the women continue to get longer breaks.

The Equal Opportunities Commission takes the view that conditions of employment should be the same for men and women and that there is nothing in the Act providing for a special allowance that the Leyland women enjoy. If they were to get equal pay and still have the extra time off their male colleagues would seem to have ground for a complaint.

Mr Kenneth Cure, a Birmingham official of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, said the 100 women were enjoying what he described as a "biological allowance" and the union did not consider it came within the ambit of equality. The need for the extra rest time simply did not disappear with the arrival of the Equal Pay Act.

Man who made bomb fined £25

James Bowman, aged 26, who was said to have built a powerful home-made bomb, was fined £25 at Old Street Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday. Mr Bowman, a wholesaler, of Wentworth Street, Whitechapel, London, admitted making an explosive.

£90,000 load of TV sets stolen

Police were searching yesterday for an articulated lorry and container loaded with 300 colour television sets valued at £90,000. The vehicle was stolen on Monday night from the Leigh Delamere service area on the M4, near Chippenham, Wiltshire.

Tax policy is inept, Tory MP says

By Our Political Staff

The Government's taxation policy in 1975 was a record of staggering ineptitude yet those responsible just shrugged their shoulders, Mr David Howell, a Conservative spokesman on treasury and economic affairs, said yesterday.

"Last year brought tax muddle, injustice, contradiction and incomprehensibility on a scale unmatched in fiscal history", he said. "The need now is for an imaginative strategy of tax reform, based not on endless unintelligible piecemeal legislation through the parliamentary sausage machine but on an understanding of how we can break out of the tax trap and on the courage to do so."

Mr Howell believed the Government needed to start on the road to an integrated system of taxation and benefits, which would sort out the present appalling muddle.

He said courage was needed to point out openly that profits equalled jobs, and courage was needed above all to cut the growth of public spending this year, not in 1977 or 1978.

Time limit for claiming TV licence rebate

By Our Political Staff

People who paid £18 for a colour television licence after unsuccessfully applying for one at £12 before April 1, 1975, should write to claim the extra money from the Government by January 31, Mr Jenkins, Home Secretary, said in a Commons written answer yesterday.

Those who wished to be considered for such a payment were asked to write to Department Z, National Television Licence Records Office, Barton House, Bond Street, Bristol, BS1 3NJ. They would then be told what information was needed to support their applications.

Mr Jenkins said that when a claim was accepted the payment would equal the amount the person would have gained had his original application for a £12 licence been successful: £4.50 if the previous licence expired at the end of March, 1975, £3 if at the end of April, and £1.50 if at the end of May.

Land deal report for DPP

A land deal that yielded a £3.5m profit for a property development company is to be the subject of a report to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

For a year Sussex police have been investigating the deal, which involved 644 acres at Bewbush, near Crawley. Keatfold Ltd, a Yorkshire-based company, bought the land nearly three years ago from a farmer and a solicitor. They paid £3.25m. Three months later 302 acres of land were sold to the former Crawley Urban District Council for £7m.

Police inquiries by officers of the commercial squad began when Keatfold's profit on the deal was revealed. A police officer said: "Inquiries are continuing. When they are completed a report will be sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions. I cannot say when that will be."

Woman removed for refusing to be silent at inquiry into Colchester by-pass plan

From Michael Horsnell
Colchester

A Department of the Environment official removed a woman yesterday from a public inquiry into a proposed £11m road through rural Essex.

Earlier, plainclothes policemen had sat among the public during the first day of the inquiry because it was feared that objectors would disrupt it, but there was no disruption.

The woman, Mrs Pamela Johnson, said that the inquiry, at Colchester, into an easern seven-mile by-pass of the town, was illegal, and refused to obey the instructions of Rear-Admiral H. D. Nixon, the inspector, to be silent.

The road, as planned, would cut through prime farmland and pass within earshot of the historic Elmstead church.

Mrs Johnson, who said her conscience would not allow her to be silent, was supporting a procedural submission by Mr John Tyme, of the national Conservation Society. He said the inquiry was illegal.

Mr Tyme, a lecturer at Sheffield Polytechnic, has campaigned at nine previous inquiries against road development wherever it threatened the countryside.

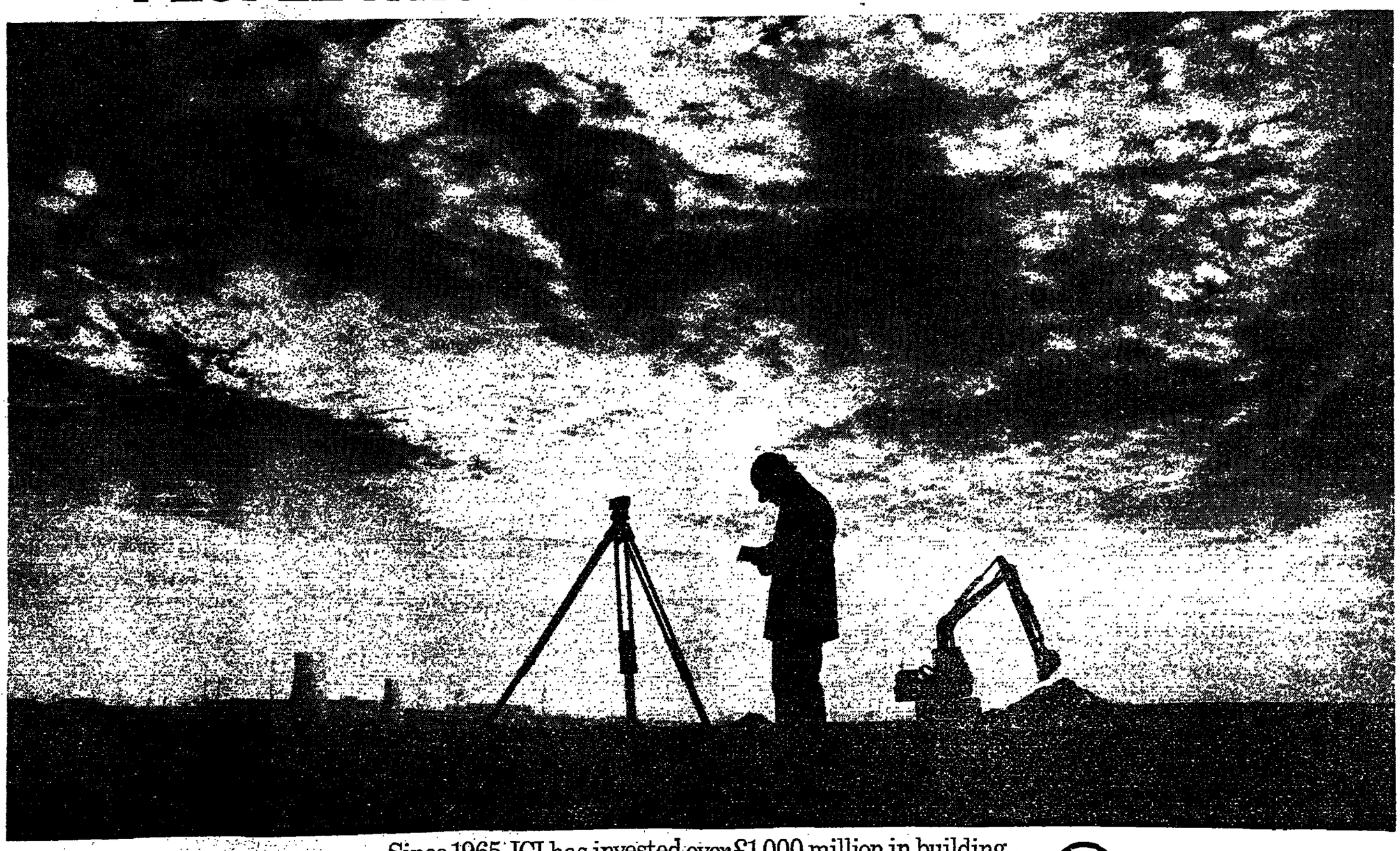
Last year he and his supporters forced an adjournment of the Aire Valley road inquiry in West Yorkshire amid demonstrations by objectors.

Mr Tyme, who yesterday represented 73 objectors, made six points in support of his submissions that the inquiry was illegal. They included the absence of established rules to conduct it, and the alleged failure by the Secretary of State for the Environment to place the road proposal in the context of national transport policy.

He said his clients demanded "a legally and properly constituted inquiry, with the data, information, statutory procedures, and statutory protection to which they are entitled clearly and properly made available to them during the inquiry".

The inspector rejected his appeal for the inquiry to be adjourned.

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Defence Secretary to make sure further cuts do not impinge on UK commitments to Nato

House of Commons

If defence spending had to be affected during the current public expenditure exercise, MR MASON, Secretary of State for Defence, declared that it would be his duty to try and make sure that this did not impinge on Nato commitments and the part the United Kingdom played in the alliance.

MR JOAN EVANS (Aberdar Lab) asked what consideration had been given to reducing defence expenditure.

MR MASON (Barnsley, Lab)—Defence expenditure together with other public expenditure programmes is presently under review as part of the normal annual public expenditure exercise. When the exercise has been completed, decisions will be announced in the usual way.

MR EVANS—There is considerable speculation in the mass media about cuts in public expenditure. There will be many of us who would expect cuts in defence expenditure if there are to be cuts in other public expenditure. There is a feeling that one of the problems that faces us as a country is that there has been too great an investment in defence. If some of that investment had gone into manufacturing industry and other sectors of the economy there would not be the problems there are today.

MR MASON—One of the reasons we have had 30 years of peace in western Europe is because Britain has been prepared to play an honourable part in the collective security of the western alliance. (Conservative cheers.)

Because of the economic situation demanding cuts in public expenditure, and that we might be called on to make curtailments in programmed expenditure for the social services, housing, education, schools and so forth, it is right that defence should come under the microscope, and so it has.

MR GOODHART (Bromley, Beckenham, C)—Can he seriously argue that the external threat to this country has diminished since the defence review was carrid out last year? How can he contemplate any further cuts in our defence budget when even the neutral Swedes are spending £50 per head more on defence this year than we are?

MR MASON—I did not say that the external threat has diminished. We are a member of an alliance and we are not facing that external threat alone. We are still playing an honourable part in that alliance.

If defence expenditure has to be affected during the course of this public expenditure exercise it will be my duty to try and make sure it does not impinge on our Nato commitments and the part we play in the alliance.

MR STONEHOUSE (Walsall, North, Lab)—Considering the defence potential of much of our equipment produced here, it would be cutting off our nose to spite our face to have a cutback in some of our aircraft development. Will he give an undertaking about the continuation of the MRCA?

MR MASON—I could not give that absolute undertaking about any programme. But he is right that if we cut back defence expenditure, especially in research and development, then civil industry in due course, because of the spin-off, will be affected, jobs considerably so. In any case it might be the seed corner for military and civilian purposes in future.

MR GOODHEW (St Albans, C)—Any further British defence expenditure cuts would serve only to undermine the credibility of the deterrent which he says has worked so well. How on earth can he contemplate any further cuts?

Cuts in tail

MR MASON—MPs would hate to go through a defence expenditure exercise as I have done on one or two occasions in the past two years. But when social service programmes are coming under keen scrutiny, defence expenditure should, too. Therefore, going through this exercise, it may be possible to cut back on the tail end of our combat capability without affecting the teeth.

MR CRONIN (Loughborough, Lab)—Though there may be some economic case for limited defence cuts, a Government has a paramount duty to maintain the credibility of Nato as a deterrent. (Conservative cheers.)

The Soviet Union has recently indicated beyond doubt its capacity for acting as an aggressor and by its constant increase in personnel and equipment and all its armed forces, together with its foreign policy, it is increasing enormously its capability to be an aggressor.

MR MASON—There is a great deal of truth in that. The Soviet Union has increased its capability not only within western Europe against Nato but worldwide. I agree also that Nato would be concerned if we cut our defence spending to an extent which would impinge on the commitments we have made to them in the defence review. I hope I can avoid that.

MR YOUNGER, Opposition spokesman on defence (Ayr, C)—Any further cuts would make his own position impossible. (Conservative cheers.) He has repeatedly said that the defence White Paper was a fundamental review of all our defence requirements and that these could not safely be further cut. Will he say he will accept no further cuts which reduce our Nato alliance commitment.

MR MASON—Until the expenditure exercise is complete it is difficult to see how far the cuts will go in social services or defence, so I cannot give that categoric assurance now.

But he can rest assured that I intend to try to maintain to the full the commitment we have made to our Nato allies.

He added later: Apart from the £110m cut at 1974 prices in the 1976-77 year we have already embarked on cutting back £4,700m from programmed defence expenditure over the next nine years.

MR PETER MORRISON (City of Chester, C)—Will he admit there is growing consternation among our Nato allies that further cuts in defence expenditure may be made? In the light of that, does he not agree with the vast majority of the people of this country that it is the prime responsibility of any government to ensure the defence of the realm?

MR MASON—Yes. That I hope to maintain. There is consternation, but I hope I can dispel that in due course too.

MR CLEMITSON (Luton, East, Lab)—Would he care to comment on Mr Heath's statement yesterday that troops should be transferred from Nato to Northern Ireland? Supposing this were done, would he care to comment on the effect of this on our Nato commitments?

MR MASON—The more one commits troops to Northern Ireland, it is bound to affect adversely our role within Nato and the effectiveness of our role on the central front. When we deploy units, especially the Spearhead battalion, from the British Army of the Rhine, it necessitates first training before they go, their deployment for their four-month emergency tour, and then re-training to get back into their previous role. This sort of rota has an adverse effect.

We have to face up to it, but Northern Ireland is one of our commitments. It is essential that we tackle it and our Nato allies recognize that.

Minister's job

MR STANLEY (Tonbridge and Malling, C)—Would he assure the House that the maintenance at the current level of our commitment to Nato would be a pre-condition of his remaining in office?

MR MASON—I would not say it would be a condition. I would be seriously concerned personally, and I am sure most of my ministerial colleagues would, if we had to impinge upon our Nato commitment. I am trying to point out to those who are impatient on the Opposition Front Bench that my job is to make sure that if I have to cut back on defence expenditure in this public expenditure exercise I do it without impinging on our Nato commitment.

MR CORMACK (South-West Staffordshire, C)—It is his duty to ensure that this country is properly defended. In view of what happened last year and the damaging and devastating cuts then made, which have reduced our credibility considerably, will he stand up for Britain and against the Chancellor? (Labour laughter.)

MR MASON—The defence review did not impair the security of this country. I am hopeful that the exercise on which I have embarked will not impair that security either.

MRS MILLIE MILLER (Ilford, North, Lab)—The same voices which are demanding not just a standstill but an increase in expenditure on weapons of war, are those which, on every other subject before this House are demanding cuts in public expenditure.

Will he maintain the position that while looking after the defence of this country, he does not commit us to an unreasonable burden?

MR MASON—Yes. The Opposition have never spelled out, although they keep demanding large cuts in public expenditure, exactly where their priorities would lie. It is up to them to explain it, not me.

Jeopardy

MR ONSLOW, an Opposition spokesman on defence (Woking, C)—Can he give the House not hope but a straight answer? Will he tell us that his backbone is at least as stiff as that of the Minister of State, who told us he would not be prepared to remain a member of a Government which jeopardized the security of the western alliance?

Will he tell us that he shares that identical view and accepts that the most deplorable role which could fall to him would be to have to go to Nato and report that this country had turned on our obligations? (Conservative cheers.)

MR MASON—I do not remember the proper words, or form of words, the Minister of State used, but if I wanted to quote what he has just said, if it would jeopardize the security of the western alliance, I would not accept it.

It is still possible (he said later) to pare defence expenditure still more without affecting our Nato commitment and cutting back on the combat capability of any of our three Services.

MR AMERY (Brighton, Pavilion, C)—Just as the reductions the Government have proposed will only take effect over a certain number of years, any proposals they made to strengthen our defences would involve no immediate increase in public expenditure but would only take effect in two or three years' time. Does not the situation confronting us in the north, the Mediterranean, Angola and on the central front suggest that we should be increasing our expenditure rather than reducing it?

MR MASON—Yes, but I hope he recognizes we are now a middle-ranking western European power and not the imperialist nation he would dream us to be. We cannot fight the wars of the world, neither can we go into major conflict on our own. What he has in mind is a dream well past.

SAS in Ulster will grow in numbers

MR BIGGS-DAVISON (Epping Forest, C), questioning the Secretary of State for Defence (Mr Mason) about the security situation in Northern Ireland, referred to a report in the *Daily Express* today.

If it is true (he said) and Mr Pincer has usually been shown to be a reliable journalist, does the report not show that the Prime Minister has deceived the hard pressed people of Ulster and the whole of the nation?

The SPEAKER (Mr Selwyn Lloyd)—I do not like words like deceived.

MR BIGGS-DAVISON—If the report be true, does it not show that the Prime Minister has irresponsibly misled the people of Ulster and the whole nation with his sabre rattling?

MR MASON—I am sorry Mr Biggs-Davison stooped to such depths to try to make a point following the highly speculative and misleading article in the *Daily Express*. If he wants to be better informed, it is clearly better to ask questions than to rely on that.

The Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland (Mr Rees) and myself all agreed with the deployment of the SAS and that it should be announced publicly, and that there should be no covert operations by the SAS.

MR YOUNGER, Opposition spokesman on defence (Ayr, C)—How many members of the SAS are at present on the ground in South Armagh and serving as advertised by the Prime Minister, and what is his target for the total forces he intends to send there?

Unless he can give us some reassurance we will begin to wonder what the Prime Minister meant when he made that glaring statement last Wednesday.

MR MASON—I am sorry the Opposition defence spokesman should ask me to reveal the figures for deployment of security forces in Northern Ireland and in particular in South Armagh.

First, the SAS are deployed, second, they will increase in numbers and contrary to what that *Daily Express* article says, they will stay there as long as the GOC in Northern Ireland requires them.

MR HASTINGS (Mid-Bedfordshire, C)—As an old SAS officer, may I ask if Mr Mason is really satisfied, in view of the particular capability and training of these troops, that their numbers are in any way adequate under present circumstances?

MR MASON—I give the House the assurance that we shall be increasing the numbers of the SAS as reconnoitring is completed, and training is completed, so that they can fully do the job for which their special skills will be of service in Northern Ireland.

Mostly they will operate in uniform. Some of the time they will not operate in uniform. This is not unusual. The security forces are allowed to do that as well in Northern Ireland.

When their special skills are fully deployed I am hopeful they will make their impact. It will not be sudden, it will take time.

Cancelling MRCA a costly move

MR ALLAUN (Salford, East, Lab) asked the Secretary of State for Defence for his approximate estimate of the cost of the 185 aircraft proposed as a variant to the multi-role combat aircraft; what was the present stage of their design; and if, for financial and technical reasons, he would cancel the project.

MR WILLIAM RODGERS, Minister of State (Teesside, Stockton, Lab)—Project definition studies of the air defence variant of the MRCA have just been completed and the results, which include estimated costs, are currently being assessed. A decision to proceed with full development has yet to be taken.

MR ALLAUN—If proceeded with, would not this project inevitably add to the admitted £2 billion costs of the MRCA? Would not abandoning the MRCA project produce most of the defence cuts required? Are not manned aircraft vulnerable from ground-to-air missiles?

MR RODGERS—The answer to all three questions is "No". If Mr Allaun believes in the air defence of Britain he has to indicate what his alternative would be if we were to abandon the air defence variant. Missiles are important but they are also expensive. There is no easy way to ensure the defence of this country on the cheap.

MR PATTIE (Chertsey and Walton, C)—If the variant of the MRCA, which the RAF wants, is cancelled, it will increase the cost of the basic MRCA and lead eventually to pressure for it to be replaced by an American aircraft.

MR RODGERS—There is a fair possibility that if the variant was cancelled the whole programme would fall to the ground. Far from its being a matter to rejoice in, it would create severe problems. All the evidence suggests there is no way of ensuring the air defence of Britain more cheaply than the present proposals.

MR CONLAN (Gateshead, East, Lab)—While not agreeing that the MRCA should be cancelled, is he convinced that the variant type is necessary for our forces when our collaborative partners have decided against the variant?

MR RODGERS—Our own needs in Britain are somewhat different from those of our Nato allies on the continent and the air defence variant of the MRCA is meant to succeed Phantoms which have been in RAF service for some years. The Phantoms in service with the German air force have only just been delivered.

MR TEBBIT (Waltham Forest, Chingford, C)—Jobs of men who make aircraft are of less importance to left wingers like Mr Allaun than those of men who make motor cars.

MR RODGERS—We must accept that any substantial cuts in the equipment programme of the forces will have grave consequences for employment. I am not suggesting this should not be faced up to but it is hypocrisy to say the problem will not be there.

MR TINN (Teesside, Redcar, Lab)—Would he not agree that the MRCA promises to be one of the best bargains the Air Force has ever had? Could he say a little more about the consequences, not just to the capability of the Air Force but also to the possible foreign exchange earnings from sales of the MRCA, and, on the other side, the cost to our exchange from the purchase of foreign aircraft would presumably at some stage would be required?

MR RODGERS—I would agree that the MRCA has been a remarkable success story in terms of collaboration so far. The cost estimates initially made in 1969 have been remarkably kept to allowing for inflation and changes in exchange rates.

Were we to cacel it and buy foreign aircraft the total cost would be greater. The cost across the exchanges would be very great, irrespective of whether there were any export earnings from the aircraft in the end.

Mr Wilson: Westminster must retain ultimate power in all matters: Mrs Thatcher fears maximum conflict

MR HAROLD WILSON, Prime Minister (Huyton, Lab), opening the debate on the White Paper *Our Changing Democracy*, containing the Government's proposals on devolution to Scotland and Wales, said these proposals embodied the most fundamental constitutional development this century—and one might go a great deal further back.

The Scottish National Party and Plaid Cymru made no bones about standing for independent Scotland and Wales. The Kilbrandon report on the constitution rejected that approach and so did the Government.

Winston Churchill, writing of the Second World War, had said the allies had floated to victory on a sea of oil. The SN Pwas hoping to do the same.

We hear about Scottish oil (he said) but I do not ever remember when natural gas was discovered in the North Sea that it was called English gas.

It was not a question of oil only. The history of Scotland in this century and before had been, as in many parts of England and Wales, marked by the decline of the industrial revolution industries. That was why this century had been one in which United Kingdom governments had tried to help the industry and the people of Scotland by establishing a modern and diversified economy there.

Without the benefits of integration, what prospects would there be for mineworkers with high-cost Scottish pits? What prospects would there be for railwaymen operating a scattered and expensive network condemned to heavy losses? What chance of maintaining the present standard of radio and television services, particularly network services already substantially subsidized by the English? They might think they could do it better but they would have to pay more for it.

What hope would there have been for the Chrysler workers at Linwood on a separatist basis? Would there have ever been a Linwood on a separatist basis? Some MPs who opposed the Chrysler decision were at one time ready to suggest that Linwood should have been saved by moving up British Leyland from south of the border to Linwood. That was considered by the Government when a Chrysler solution seemed hopeless. What would have been the opportunity of doing that if there had been a separatist solution?

What would have been the prospects for workers on the Clyde at a time when the world faced a recession in shipbuilding? With a separatist Scotland where would Scottish MPs go to press for defence orders?

Major help

North Sea oil would be a major help to the United Kingdom economy. It would be a major help to the Scottish economy, but of itself it would provide no lasting substitute in Scotland for the benefits from a broad-based economy integrated with the major resources of the rest of the United Kingdom and her partners in Europe and elsewhere. (Labour cheers.)

What was true of Scotland applied to Wales and with greater force in some ways. Even the collective imagination of Plaid Cymru run riot could not concoct a basis for their claims out of so far undiscovered oil in the Celtic Sea.

The Liberal Party advocated a federal system for the United Kingdom. It was crucial to understand what that meant. An essential feature of federalism was a division of sovereign powers and functions between the federal and provincial governments. Federal and provincial governments were sovereign and because of that some authority, usually some sort of constitutional court, was frequently needed to help between the two layers of government. Even countries with long experience of federal systems had problems, particularly over finance.

The Conservative Opposition seemed to favour an elected assembly in Endinburgh with some legislative role, subordinate to Westminster, with no executive role. This would be neither administratively workable nor politically acceptable to the Scottish people.

In Wales, the Opposition favoured an extension of administrative devolution which, although valuable in its day, went no way to meet the aspirations of the majority of the Welsh people now.

These choices and many others as well, were examined with the greatest of care by the Government before they reached their conclusions. Many had been thoroughly examined by the Kilbrandon commission and dismissed by the majority of members.

The Government rejected the separation into independent political units of the countries that made up the United Kingdom; they rejected the rigid and legalistic approach of federalism; they rejected as inadequate a shadow assembly; and, they rejected the idea that, because of the difficulties, the safest thing would be to do nothing.

The proposals of the Government were based on decentralization of power to the people, and the unity of the United Kingdom. The principle of their proposals was that more and more the allocations and the priorities should be decided by those people in close touch with the families affected, and ultimately by the democratic process exercised by those families themselves.

The assemblies would have real powers. In Wales it would relate to the exercise of executive powers; in Scotland to legislation as well as executive powers. In both cases they would cover a wide range of sectors of policy and administration.

But the sovereignty, duties and obligations of the Government and the sovereignty of the Westminster Parliament would not be affected. Westminster must retain the ultimate responsibility and ultimate power in all matters.

Let there be no misunderstanding about this (he said). Those who object to reserve powers being retained at Westminster are rejecting devolution. They are asking for federalism or something beyond that. The Government would be responsible for all international relations, membership of the United Nations, alliances, and issues concerned with membership of the Common Market.

Areas historically undeveloped or facing decline had to be helped by firms and economic institutions from other areas. The general conduct of economic policy and the fight against inflation as well as unemployment had to be conducted on a national basis.

It was not feasible to have different regions desperate for jobs fighting with each other to offer incentives to employers and management to solve their problems at the expense of others.

To illustrate what was involved in devolution in the case of Scotland expenditure on the services for which responsibility was to be devolved amounted in 1974-75 to about £2,000m, about three-fifths of the total identifiable public expenditure in Scotland.

He did not underrate the importance of the criticism that devolution would lead to one more tier in the government of the areas concerned—one tier too many. But the Government's proposals did not add a tier of Government. They improved the democratic control of an existing tier by decentralization. Many would feel that if there was going to be one tier too many it was a result of local government reform carried through by the Tories in the early seventies. (Labour cheers.) This had been an unthought-out and scatty proposal.

When the devolution proposals became law it would be the people of Scotland, through their legislative assembly, who would decide whether to reconstruct their own system of local government and reverse the decision of the early seventies.

The proposals for Scotland and Wales were in no way applicable nor appropriate for Northern Ireland which was distinguished by history and geography from the rest of the United Kingdom.

Some MPs and the wider public had fears about the effects on England. Then there were those who felt the English regions should be given a similar degree of devolution. English constituency MPs would judge the proposals first and foremost by applying the test of whether they seriously damaged the unity of the United Kingdom.

The Government would publish in the near future, he hoped next month, a discussion document about the English regions. It was not intended at this stage to put forward specific proposals but to provide a basis for an informed public debate. Many would like more decentralization from Whitehall to the English regions and he had always shared this aspiration. An aspiration he hoped MPs could keep before them concerned not so much a transfer of functions to the regions upwards from local government in England but a devolution downwards from Westminster.

The proposals represented a major step forward in bringing government closer to the people of Scotland and Wales. They gave real and extensive powers to new assemblies within Scotland and Wales and at the same time maintained the essential economic and political unity of the United Kingdom.

True demands

MRS MARGARET THATCHER, Leader of the Opposition (Barnet, Finchley, C), said it was no accident that the demand for devolution had come after a period in which government powers had increased, were increasing, and looked like continuing to increase. To some extent centralization was the result of too much government and over-governed societies could expect trouble and protest and get both.

The true demands of the people were not merely for the distribution of powers from central government to other government bodies or assemblies but a more fundamental dispersal, returning more of the decisions directly to the people. (Conservative cheers.)

They must watch that the system of devolution which created new assemblies did not result in increasing the powers in the hands of government compared with the powers and decisions left in the hands of the citizen. This possibility was being widely discussed.

It may be (she said) that the objective is to bring power to the people, but it may be that the result is to remove it from the people. That need not happen under a devolution process but it could happen and it would happen under this one.

Achievements

Nothing like enough had been said in the White Paper or elsewhere about the remarkable achievements of the British people together. The case for union had been assumed and not argued.

Only when we remind ourselves of it (she said) do we fully understand the compelling reasons why most of us feel that the union must continue and that the possibility of separation or any proposals which may lead that way must be rejected or modified.

For centuries the people of these islands together had made an unparalleled contribution to the history of the human race. They had popularized the idea of freedom under law and representative government. They had been responsible for the industrial and scientific revolutions which, for the first time in history, had brought material comfort and security within reach of the many instead of the few.

They had spread the English language, one of the richest, most copious and expressive human speech forms, across the world, saved the liberty and preserved the soul of Europe at least twice in human recollection and given a quarter of mankind and the same fraction of the earth's surface the best laws, an impartial system of justice and an incorrupt administration.

Together (she went on) we carried through these great things. They would never have come about had we been separable or separate entities. We have achieved what we have achieved through unity which permitted or encouraged diversity and diversity which did not contradict unity.

We would all recognize the contribution made by the people of Ulster, by the Welsh and by the Scots to this unity. No better partnership has existed in the history of mankind. We must do nothing to jeopardize its future. It has much to contribute still.

The first feature of the Government's proposals was that they were likely to lead to maximum conflict, friction and argument between the assemblies and Government and Parliament. The second was the massive extension of bureaucracy and its cost. The third feature of the proposals was the reduced status in practice of the Secretaries of State for Scotland and Wales.

It seemed to many of them that the model of devolution which the Government had chosen was designed to increase disagreement and dispute between parts of Great Britain, and thus to jeopardize precious unity.

If the Government decided to go ahead fundamentally with the present proposed structure, the Opposition must consider what they would regard as a better constitutional basis.

It seems probable (she said) that the main structure of the White Paper will continue and that Mr Wilson is thinking rather more of less fundamental changes than some of us would be thinking of. If that is so, the Government should consider a better constitutional basis for their chosen system.

The Government should try to mitigate the conflict which she had indicated by subjecting the use of the devolved power to judicial control by courts and not to the political control of a veto. The question of whether the assembly was acting within its powers would be seen to be decided on an impartial basis with constitutionally established principles.

A legal basis for devolved powers was better than an arbitrary political basis. It would be much sounder, much more likely to endure because there would be much more effective boundaries which would be likely to be maintained.

It would get rid of the terrible thing in the White Paper: that because you do not like what an assembly does with the powers you have given it, you say "No". That was not devolution at all.

They should deal with this not by a political veto, but by ensuring that bill of rights clauses were in the devolution statute. That would be a new constitutional venture, but the whole exercise was a new venture.

If central government were to retain responsibility for treaty performance, as they must, because they had no alternative, central government should be competent to override the assemblies. The Government solution was that they should be able to quash assembly action without the approval of Parliament. That could not be satisfactory.

Many aspects of conflict would inevitably remain and that was why the Opposition were against the Government system of devolution, preferring that the assemblies should not have a separate executive.

Responsibility for the courts should remain with government and Parliament.

The Conservatives opposed the proposals for the Welsh assembly.

The Government's proposals would be cumbersome and conflicting. She did not believe they would leave things unchanged democratically. She doubted whether on the Government's proposals the number of MPs from the devolved areas could stay the same. She did not believe that the scheme would stand the test of time. Its constitutional basis was too flimsy for that.

Devolutionary assemblies should lead to diffusion of power and not to confusion of power. They should retain the characteristic unity of one kingdom. The present form of the White Paper proposals did not pass those tests.

What could be achieved together in the union was far greater than the sum of anything that could be done separately. The devolution scheme which was eventually enacted must serve and enhance that union. (Conservative cheers.)

Federal system

MR THORPE, Leader of the Liberal Party (North Devon, L), said the White Paper was a recipe for conflict.

The House should become essentially a federal Parliament with 200 to 300 members. It would then be for the English to discuss at a constitutional conference whether there should be a separate English Parliament, or whether there would be English provincial assemblies.

The federal solution was the only one which would work in logic. The two aims should be to deal with over-centralization of government, which had compelled even the Westminster Government to devolve to regional administration, and the maximum degree of choice, variety and influence over their own affairs.

The only taxation power would be a surcharge under local authority taxation. No form of taxation was more unpopular than that.

The electoral system should be that of proportional representation, not that of winner-take-all which could mean a majority of seats for a party gaining 30 to 35 per cent of the votes.

The Welsh assembly would have no legislative powers. The power to consult MPs (he said) and to ask for the initiation of legislation has been enjoyed by the Women's Institutes for 50 years. This is what the Prime Minister calls "this massive transfer of power within an intimate democratic assembly". It will certainly be intimate because there will not be very much point in turning up.

There would be a source of conflict in that local authorities and the assembly would often find themselves exercising equivalent powers under transport, health, education, and personal services. County councils should go, the assembly should be given real powers and the Secretary of State for Wales should have only nominal powers.

Imperial set-up

MR DONALD STEWART, Leader of the Scottish National Party (Western Isles, Scot Nat), said Scotland was coming to the end of being the sepoys in *this* imperial set-up. His party had never been a separatist party. (Laughter.) They stood for Scottish self-government but the Scots had never been an insular people.

They intended no break-up of the United Kingdom. Their aim was to be part of the Commonwealth, recognizing the Queen. They had nothing against the English. Eventually, when Scotland assumed her own government, they would exist in amicable friendliness with their friends over the border. They asked for self-determination. Scotland had been, and was, a deprived nation.

The question the Scots were asking was: "What is the good of retaining machinery that has failed us completely?"

The powers to be retained by Westminster under the Government's proposals were areas in which Westminster had totally failed Scotland for generations.

They supported the White Paper, although they had grave doubts about its inadequacies.

MR GWYNFOR EVANS, President of Plaid Cymru (Carmarthen, Pl Cymru), said the Welsh today were awakening to the fact that they were in a condition of national servitude, that they had no control over any aspect of their national life. Once they were awake to this fact they would not be satisfied until they could act and live fully as a nation.

He had seen Plaid Cymru grow from a tiny group of people to a powerful political force. Anyone who thought that this growth could be stopped now was deceiving himself. Plaid Cymru would replace the Labour Party as Labour had replaced the Liberal Party. The British Establishment was fighting a rearguard action against the advancing forces of moderate nationalism in Scotland and Wales.

Wales needed immediately the kind of parliament which the Wales TUC had called for—a parliament with legislative powers in areas including industry and the economy, a parliament which would tackle the intimidating problems London had so dismally failed to answer.

They should have a national status which would give permanent representation at Brussels which had taken over so much of the government of Wales.

Prime Minister's evidence

MR BLAKER (Blackpool, South, C) asked whether the Prime Minister had completed his evidence for the Royal Commission on the Press, and when he proposed to submit it.

MR HAROLD WILSON (Huyton, Lab)—I shall be ready to submit and publish my evidence as soon as the civil legal proceedings referred to in my answers in the House on October 14 and 20 have been completed.

MR BLAKER—In September, 1974, in the course of the last election campaign, the Prime Minister made the serious allegation that cohorts of distinguished journalists were combing obscure parts of the country in search of anything, true or fabricated, they could use against the Labour Party.

Does he also recall that he told the House last October that there had been eight burglaries affecting premises owned by himself and some colleagues? A statement was issued from No 10 that this carried no imputation that any journalists had been involved in this. Does he still stand by the serious allegation he made in September, 1974?

MR WILSON—I entirely stand by it. When the evidence can be submitted it will substantiate what I said on that occasion. I did not refer to any journalists being involved in burglaries.

The break-ins and thefts, now proved by the police discoveries, are not the kind of legal proceedings which are, in any sense, an impediment to this evidence.

The problem about submitting evidence relates to civil matters which are the subject of legal proceedings. When they are complete the evidence will go in straight away.

MR CROCOTT (Lichfield and Tamworth, Lab) asked if he would deal in his evidence with the accuracy of press reports.

MR WILSON—I was not proposing to deal with the subject in my evidence. Certainly, the evidence would be much longer if I went in for that sort of subject.

The Secretary of State for Defence (Mr Mason) has shown only today that on the most sensitive matters that affect people's lives there has been the most criminal misrepresentation of facts and, if I may say so, lies about what has been done in Northern Ireland. (Labour cheers.)

Seven peers to study Hare Coursing Bill

House of Lords

The EARL of LISTOWEL, Chairman of Committees, moved that seven peers form a select committee on the Hare Coursing Bill. They were Lord Trevelyan, chairman, the Earl of Cranbrook (C), Viscount Davidson, the Bishop of Chelmsford, Lord Aylestone, Lord Henley (L), and Lord Collison (Lab).

LORD BEAUMONT of WHITLEY (L) said he hoped the appointment of a select committee would not delay the progress of the Bill through Parliament.

LORD SHEPHERD, Lord Privy Seal, said this was not a means of delaying consideration of the remaining stages of the Bill. It had been agreed that there should be an instruction to the committee to report the Bill to the House not later than May 6, 1976.

The Bill ought to be able to go through its proceedings in both Houses this session.

The motion was agreed to.

The first meeting of the committee will be at 3 pm on January 29.

Britain has no plans to join Opec

The EARL of LAUDERDALE asked whether the Government proposed that within three years the United Kingdom should seek membership of OPEC as suggested in the press report of the Prime Minister's statement to the EEC Heads of Government who met in Rome on December 2.

LORD LOVELL-DAVIS, Under Secretary for Energy—The Government have no plans to seek membership of OPEC.

The EARL of LAUDERDALE—That causes me some measure of relief. Are we to understand Lord Lovell-Davis denies the press reports of the Prime Minister's statement.

LORD LOVELL-DAVIS—I am doing nothing of the sort. The Prime Minister has on several occasions made light-hearted remarks about membership of OPEC. There is a serious side to it, and that is that within the next few years this country will be a major oil producer.

Watch on price of commodities

LORD SHEPHERD, Lord Privy Seal, moved that a select committee be appointed to investigate the problem of instability in prices of primary essential commodities, to scrutinize proposals designed to rectify wide price movements in those commodities, and to report on the likely effectiveness of the proposals in reducing the substantial price fluctuations which had occurred in recent years.

He said the question of commodities was of direct importance to the United Kingdom and to the developing world. It was an admirable subject for a select committee to deal with and with their wealth of experience the House could make a worthwhile job of it. The composition of the committee would be a matter for the Committee of Selection.

The motion was agreed to.

Parliamentary notices

House of Commons
Today at 2.30: Debate on devolution

House of Lords
Today at 2.30: Debate on sex education for children.

Move on common fuel price level

European Parliament
Luxembourg

The need for confidentiality in the collection of information on prices of crude oil and petroleum products in the Community was fully understood by the Commission, M SIMONET, Vice-President of the Commission responsible for energy policy, said during a debate on a report by the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology which approved the Commission's proposals for a Community procedure for the collection of such information.

The Commission's proposals include a provision that member states be required to produce crude oil and petroleum product prices every quarter, the objective being to achieve a consistency of price levels between the member states. The proposals are designed to obtain information on products refined within Community borders as well as those imported with crude oil from third countries.

The committee stressed the need for the Commission and Governments of member states to accept the principle of collective responsibility in the hydrocarbons sector, and not only in the event of a crisis. The committee, while supporting the proposals, saw possible difficulties including those caused by the fact that oil products reached the consumer by different and complex ways. Oil companies sometimes sold directly to consumers and sometimes to retailers. In the United Kingdom petrol prices to the motorist varied by as much as 15 per cent from service station to service station.

The proposals carried the risk of jeopardizing ordinary commercial confidentiality, the committee pointed out. It asked that the Commission produce an annual report on the working of the system for the Council of Ministers and Parliament for the first three years of its operation.

MR TOM ELLIS (UK, Wrexham, Lab), rapporteur of the committee, said fears had been voiced about the need to respect legitimate commercial confidentiality.

The committee had accepted the Commission's assurances that nobody was justified in believing that there would be any misuse of information if the regulation was enacted.

MR NORMANTON (UK, Cheadle, C) said the Commission should restrict its information collection to that which it needed to know and that which it considered essential to know.

M HOUGARDY (Belgium, L) said without harmonization of excise and value-added tax it would be difficult to arrive at a final harmonization of prices as suggested in the report.

M SIMONET said that the basis of a common energy policy was an adequate information system. The Commission had no objections to presenting reports to Parliament on the working of the system. There seemed to be some concern over the rather extensive nature of the information the Commission would like to collect.

The Commission had been in touch with the oil companies in preparing its proposals. They would make sure that all this information was processed confidentially.

The committee's report was accepted.

Uninformed fears of an atom bomb in wrapping paper

Much of the fear surrounding the building of nuclear power plants was caused by a shattering absence of information for the public, FRAU HANNA WALZ (West Germany, C-D) said when opening a debate on the conditions for a Community policy on the siting of nuclear power stations taking account of their acceptability by the people.

FRAU WALZ, who was presenting a report on behalf of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology, said the fear associated with nuclear power stations had never been eliminated. To many people they seemed to be atom bombs in wrapping paper. It was a matter of urgency that public opinion was informed earlier and more fully than in the past.

The committee called for a siting policy for nuclear stations before a map of potential sites was drawn up. It called on all governments to do all they could to eliminate risks on introducing new technologies, adapting research programmes, and developing safety regulations. More account must be taken of the risks involved in the transport of radioactive materials.

The main environmental hazard with nuclear installation lay in the large quantity of actinides, especially plutonium and fission products. This hazard became more apparent when external factors such as sabotage and military action came into play. The committee felt that the underground siting of nuclear installations could considerably reduce this risk. Underground construction not only of power stations but also of nuclear fuel processing plants might be desirable.

The Community must make every effort to resolve the problem of long-lived fission products. Priority should be given to nuclear technologies which by their nature presented a much lower risk of contamination. The Community should promote research into the long-term possibility of constructing nuclear parks on man made or natural islands, and should undertake a vast public relations campaign on the problems of nuclear energy.

HERR FLAMIG (West Germany, Soc) said it was not a good idea to build power stations on platforms or islands because the electricity had to be then transmitted to the mainland.

M VANDEWIELE (Belgium, C-D) said distant places could not simply be chosen as sites for nuclear power stations. The Community should promote further research into the possibility of underground sites or sites on artificial or natural islands.

The EARL of BESSBOROUGH (United Kingdom, C) said the committee's report tended to give the impression that there were shortcomings in present security arrangements. This did not apply in the case of Britain and he was doubtful if it applied in the case of other countries.

SIR DEREK WALKER-SMITH (UK, East Hertfordshire, C) said the basic problem regarding the acceptability of installations had its roots deep in the imperfections of human nature. Everybody as a consumer wanted to have the benefit of the products and enjoy the higher standard of living possible for those countries fortunate enough to have the necessary resources and technical know-how. Equally everybody as a resident felt these products could most appropriately be produced in somebody else's neighbourhood or at any rate at no inconvenience to himself.

MR JOHN EVANS (UK, Newton, Lab) said the less knowledge people had about nuclear energy the more their passions were aroused. People became emotive because the scientists, politicians, and administrators involved in nuclear energy had too often not taken people into their confidence.

If the nuclear programme was to be proceeded with it was essential that the people not only understood but agreed with the proposals that the politicians and policy makers were putting forward.

The record of the nuclear power industry with regard to safety, and of the recognition for the need to protect the environment, was without parallel.

Excellent though the report was it had some important omissions and it should be referred back to committee for reconsideration. Because of that he would not vote in favour of it, though he supported it in broad terms.

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Museum sit-in: Representatives of the eight unions speaking for the 1,400 staff at the British Museum will meet the management today to discuss the lack of canteen facilities which led to a lunch-hour sit-in yesterday at the coffee shop (above).

Mr Richard Gribbin, branch chairman of the Civil and Public Services Association, estimated that up to 400 members "occupied" the shop during the two-hour demonstration, buying only coffee and tea and taking their own food.

The trouble arose when the staff canteen was closed for rebuilding and the staff were told they could have 10 minutes extra break and use the Ministry of Defence canteen in New Oxford Street a mile away.

Herrema case man calls judge a 'Judas'

Eddie Gallagher, who is accused in connexion with the kidnapping of Dr Tiede Herrema, the Dutch businessman, was involved in an exchange with the president of the Special Criminal Court in Dublin yesterday.

He called Mr Justice Pringle a "Judas" and added: "I object to being tried by you, Pringle. You are a political hack. You were brought out of retirement to get convictions in this court, you bastard."

The outburst came as Mr Gallagher, aged 27, faced five new charges, none of them connected with the kidnapping. He was remanded in custody until March 29 on those counts.

He is due to appear at the Special Criminal Court today with Marian Coyle, aged 19, of Londonderry, to face charges in connexion with the kidnapping. Two other men charged in connexion with the case will appear in court tomorrow.

Mr Justice Pringle said: "You had better be careful about what you say, Mr Gallagher." Earlier, Mr Gallagher had complained about being denied visits while in custody at Portlaoise prison.

Mr Gallagher, of Ballybofey, co Donegal, was accused of possessing at Portlaoise on August 15, a firearm with intent to endanger life. He was also charged with having no firearm certificate; resisting arrest; possessing an electric detonator; and membership of the IRA.

Warning about heaters given at two inquests

Warnings about the use and installation of portable heaters and gas fires were given by Mr John Budd, the Blackpool coroner, at two inquests yesterday.

At the first he said that where people lived in a confined space there should be adequate ventilation, especially when using bottled gas or paraffin heaters.

Mr James Monk, aged 69, an odd-job man, had been found dead on his boat at Freckleton, Lancashire, beside a paraffin heater which had given off carbon monoxide fumes.

A verdict of misadventure was recorded.

Mr Budd was also told of Mrs Elizabeth Wetherill, a widow aged 77, who died of carbon monoxide poisoning from a gas fire at her home in Preston New Road, Blackpool.

Mr Herbert Crompton, of North West Gas, said the chimney was completely blocked. Recording a verdict of accidental death, Mr Budd said the fitting of gas fires was a job for experts.

ass immigration prospect discounted

ter Evans
Affairs Correspondent
easured riposte to argu- such as those used by Mr Powell, MP, and others e mind was made yester- y Mr John Fraser, Under ary of the Department of yment.

mmigration now has little l connexion with race as" he told the *Indust-* Relations Society of the n School of Economics. part from dependants and l Kingdom passport s (the residue of Britain's al and national obliga- there is unlikely to be gnificant future migration *United Kingdom.*"

Mr Powell's name was not mentioned in the issued text of *Mr Fraser's speech, but con-* noisseurs of the political nuance will note the use of the word logical. Logic is usually regarded as Mr Powell's strong point.

Mr Fraser's speech delineates the Government's attitude to those preoccupied with *immigration statistics.*

He said: "We have about 1,700,000 black and coloured people living in the United Kingdom, a significant part of the settled resident population. Work permits in the first three quarters of 1975 totalled only 11,848, of whom 2,613 are from *the Commonwealth and not all* of those from the New Commonwealth. These figures are for *those coming to work for 12* months or more. I emphasize that many of these permit holders to not remain."

Those who did remain possibly constituted the main source of primary migration, for example, heads of households. *Entry for work had virtually no* bearing on total coloured population, and to speak of black British-born children with regional accents as immigrants was ludicrous. Yet about two fifths of people loosely described as immigrants were actually born in the United *Kingdom.*

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court order banning the ight-wing National Party using National Front ership lists was continued Justice Fox in the High yesterday.

injunction is against Mr Kingsley Read, former nal Front chairman, and of his supporters who ntly broke away from the nization and set up the nal Party. The judge con- d the ban granted a week o Mr Andrew Fountaine, y chairman of the National , and his supporters in the leadership.

judge also ordered Mr n Brown, owner of the 's Croydon headquarters, o prevent Mr Fountaine is followers from entering remises.

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Duke to be on Concorde's first passenger flight

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

The Duke of Kent will be the most important guest on board when the Concorde makes its inaugural passenger flight between Heathrow and Bahrain next Wednesday, British Airways said yesterday.

The guest list includes: Mr Shore, Secretary of State for Trade, Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, Mr Ennals, a Minister of State at the Foreign Office, Lord Boyd-Carpenter, chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority, and Sir Keith Granville, who, as chairman of BOAC, signed the original contract to buy five of the 1,350 mph airliners.

Shop-floor workers from British Airways and the Concorde's manufacturer, the British Aircraft Corporation, will also be on board. About 35 of the 100 *seats on the first flight will be* occupied by passengers who have paid £676.10 for the return flight, £90 more than the return first-class fare by subsonic aircraft.

Mr Henry Marking, managing director of British Airways, said the Concorde's entry into service would be seen by a worldwide television audience *estimated at 250 million.* He said threequarters of the seats on the first five flights between London and Bahrain and on the return flights had been sold.

Arrangements are being made to ensure that the first British Airways service leaves the ground at the same time as the *first Air France service leaves* the Charles de Gaulle airport in Paris for Rio de Janeiro, but that will mean briefly halting the European air traffic control system. So it seems inevitable that one airline or other will be able to claim that it opened the supersonic era for civil *aviation in advance of the other.*

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Surrey to cut services to keep down rate

Surrey County Council is to cut services still more in an attempt to hold next year's rate increase down to less than a fifth.

It has already made economies totalling £5m, and originally forecast an increase in the precept of 16 per cent. It faces *the need to make more cuts* totalling £3.5m because of a reduction of £8.5m in the county's expected share of the Government's rate-support grant.

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OPERATOR CODE	NO. OF OPS VERS IN		
MILEAGE BANDS	←—0–24999—→		
INDICATORS	OPERAT.	NAT.AV.	
AV AGE OF VEHICLES	OVR 5M	1YR 0M	
NO OF FORD VEHICLES	9	32	
NO OF VEHICLES	9	48	
TOTAL AV. MILES VEH/WK	462.17	447.90	
TOTAL OP. COSTS/MILE (P)	20.59	25.78	
TOTAL OP. COSTS/WK (£)	94.76	115.49	
RUNNING COSTS VEH/MI. (P)	3.40	4.78	
STANDING COSTS VEH/WK (£)	79.05	94.44	
MILES/GALLON	14.37	12.30	
DOWN TIME DAYS/QTR	1	1	
ANALYSIS OF STANDING COSTS			
DEPRECIATION/WEEK (£)	26.44	23.40	
COMPANY COSTS/WEEK (£)	18.78	20.37	
LICENSE/WEEK (£)	2.53	3.48	
DRIVERS WAGES/WEEK (£)	39.30	46.34	
MISC. COSTS/WEEK (£)	0.09	0.85	
ANALYSIS OF RUNNING COSTS			
FUEL/MILE (P)	3.07	3.75	
OIL/MILE (P)	0.02	0.02	
MAINTENANCE/MI. (P)	0.30	0.97	
OWN WORKSHOP COSTS VEH/WK			
MTCE & REP TOT LABOUR (£)	1.25	1.44	
MTCE & REP TOT PARTS (£)	0.77	0.97	
PARTS 01 BODY (£)	0.88	0.17	
02 FRAME (£)	0.00	0.03	
03 ENGINE & EXH (£)	0.00	0.20	
04 SUSPENSION (£)	0.00	0.00	
05 BRAKES (£)	0.00	0.80	
06 TRANSMISSION (£)	0.00	0.00	
07 FUEL SYSTEM (£)	0.00	0.00	
08 STEERING (£)	0.00	0.00	
09 ELECTRICAL (£)	0.02	0.00	
10 R/M & CHECKS (£)	0.15	0.56	
11 ANCILLARY EQ (£)	0.00	0.04	
12 TYRES (£)	0.00	0.00	
OUTSIDE WORKSHOPS COSTS VEH/WK			
MTCE & REP TOT LABOUR (£)	0.00	0.68	
MTCE & REP TOT PARTS (£)	0.00	0.99	
PARTS 01 BODY (£)	0.00	0.09	
02 FRAME (£)	0.00	0.00	
03 ENGINE & EXH (£)	0.00	0.02	
04 SUSPENSION (£)	0.00	0.00	
05 BRAKES (£)	0.00	0.00	
06 TRANSMISSION (£)	0.00	0.13	
07 FUEL SYSTEM (£)	0.00	0.02	
08 STEERING (£)	0.00	0.00	
09 ELECTRICAL (£)	0.00	0.00	
10 R/M & CHECKS (£)	0.00	0.17	
11 ANCILLARY EQ (£)	0.00	0.32	
12 TYRES (£)	0.00	0.22	

b) The Individual Vehicle Quarterly Report :-

OPERATOR CODE		
VEHICLE REGISTRATION		JOO 445N
INDICATORS		
AGE OF VEHICLE		OVR 5M
TOTAL MILEAGE		16690.00
TOTAL AV. MILES VEH/WK		694.84
TOTAL OP. COST/MILE (P)		28.47
TOTAL OP. COST/WK (£)		136.09
RUNNING COSTS VEH/MI (P)		5.78
STANDING COSTS VEH/WK (£)		87.87
MILES/GALLON		13.28
DOWN TIME DAYS/QTR		3.00
ANALYSIS OF STANDING COSTS		
DEPRECIATION/WEEK (£)		29.41
COMPANY COSTS/WEEK (£)		26.43
LICENSE/WEEK (£)		4.93
DRIVERS WAGES/WEEK (£)		36.82
MISC. COST/WEEK (£)		0.88
ANALYSIS OF RUNNING COSTS		
FUEL/MILE (P)		3.89
OIL/MILE (P)		0.01
MAINTENANCE/MILE (P)		1.86
OWN WORKSHOP COSTS VEH/WK		
MTCE & REP TOT LABOUR		0.00
MTCE & REP TOT PARTS		0.00
PARTS 01 BODY		0.00
02 FRAME		0.00
03 ENGINE & EXH		0.00
04 SUSPENSION		0.00
05 BRAKES		0.00
06 TRANSMISSION		0.00
07 FUEL SYSTEM		0.00
08 STEERING		0.00
09 ELECTRICAL		0.00
10 R/M & CHECKS		0.00
11 ANCILLARY EQU		0.00
12 TYRES		0.00
OUTSIDE WORKSHOP COSTS V/WK		
MTCE & REP TOT LABOUR		3.23
MTCE & REP TOT PARTS		9.34
PARTS 01 BODY		0.00
02 FRAME		0.00
03 ENGINE & EXH		0.00
04 SUSPENSION		8.29
05 BRAKES		0.00
06 TRANSMISSION		0.00
07 FUEL SYSTEM		0.00
08 STEERING		0.00
09 ELECTRICAL		0.85
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practice of granting powers to committees mmittee chairmen should fed, and the chairmen of ending committees, such ds and planning commit- ould not be permitted to or more than two years, arty says. Councillors also be obliged to regis- ir financial interests.

ts report, to the Royal ssion on Standards of ct in Public Life, Plaid says there is concern in at standards of conduct until recently, have been ed as commonplace in ouncils.

"Undemocratic council conduct and widespread patronage and corruption frequently spring from the same source, the over-concentration of power in the hands of one political party.", it says.

"In the South Wales valleys, in particular, the Labour Party has operated one-party rule to prevent opposition councillors from scrutinizing the activities of the ruling party."

Real control of decisions too frequently pass into the hands of a small clique of councillors within the ruling party. Labour control of committees prevents adequate scrutiny of their activities.

Among its other recommendations, Plaid Cymru says that at least a third of the members of every police authority should, by law, be members of opposition parties. It says, too, that the office of Attorney General should not be a political appointment.

Baby-sitter tried to kill three children

Jean Hewett, aged 25, whose only relationship with a man was said to have ended unhappily because he was married, became jealous of young couples with children, it was stated at the Central Criminal Court yesterday. She advertised herself as a baby-sitter, and three times tried to murder children in her care, it was alleged.

Miss Hewett, of Morris Road, Stratford, London, pleaded guilty to three charges of attempted murder and was sent to Broadmoor. The Crown accepted her plea of not guilty to arson.

Miss Jean Southworth, QC, for the defence, said Miss Hewett suffered from agoraphobia and therefore could not keep a job. Once she was attacked in the street by a man with a bottle and had to have 14 stitches in her face.

She decided to work with young children rather than adults, and advertised herself as a baby-sitter. Nobody realized more than she did how nearly she came to committing the most serious crime in our law, counsel continued. "They were not crimes in the proper sense. They were outbursts of a maladjusted person as a result of an illness."

Mr Colin Hart-Leverton, for the prosecution, said the first child she tried to kill was Marie Bull. She tried to smother her with a cushion. The second child was Simon Saunders, aged eight. While he was asleep she set fire to some clothing and went home.

When she returned, the Saunders's flat was burning. Her father rescued the boy. The third child was Daniel Corrigan. She took a cushion and pressed down on the baby with his face on the mattress but he struggled. He was taken to hospital.

sk of lung cancer among tin miners is reduced

rce Wright
Editor

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National Radiological ion Board carried our estigation and its report ends a new safety limit level of radon in mines. It replaces an American safety standard.

Radon occurs in geological deposits from which tin, fluorspar, ironstone, gypsum and similar substances are obtained.

The protection board surveyed 41 mineral workings with a force of 1,800 men, as representative of the country's 100 non-coalmine workings with a workforce of 2,946. Twelve of the mines investigated and employing a total of more than 700 men underground had radon concentrations above a safety level set by the United States and the protection board.

There is an increased risk of lung cancer if the gas is inhaled in concentrations for long periods.

The report, *Radon and its Dangers in Various British Mines*, states that compliance with the new safety level should be achieved as soon as reasonably practicable, but accepts that that may take some years in certain cases.

A statement from the Mines and Quarries Inspectorate says: "Since the inspectorate became aware of the potential hazard it has taken energetic steps to reduce the risk by improved ventilation in the *mines.*"

Since that action began the number of men exposed above the recommended *safety limit* in many of the mines has been reduced. For instance of the 700 known to be at risk in the 12 mines investigated the number exposed above safety limits has been reduced to about 500. Three Cornish tin mines employ those 500 men. The mines are at South Crofty, Geevor and Wheal Pendarves. Another developing mine at Mount Wellington, employing about 50 men, has recently been sampled. Indications are that there will be no problem.

The inspectorate said yesterday: "Priority is being given to improving the ventilation in the tin mines."

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HOME NEWS

Elaborate ruse to get dog into Britain

A man who tried to get his dog back into Britain without its going into quarantine received a suspended jail sentence and fine of £200 yesterday. Another man, who had been fined the maximum of £400 for a similar offence, had his fine cut on appeal to £50.

Dennis Knight, a Sheffield motor mechanic, took his bull terrier with him when he and his wife emigrated to South Africa. When they decided to return a few months later he embarked on an elaborate plan to prevent the animal from having to go into quarantine, it was said at Sheffield Crown Court.

All three flew from Durban to Amsterdam on July 8 and stayed at an hotel. Mr Peter Walker, for the prosecution, said. Then he went to Rotterdam and bought a small boat for about £1,300 to sail to England. They left Calais, crossing the Channel for Ramsgate but after difficulty arrived at Whitstable on August 4.

Mr Knight told harbour officials that he had bought the Dutch canal boat from the Yorkshire Electricity Board in Sheffield and had sailed it down the Trent and to the coast via the canal system.

"The customs officer had no reason to doubt him", counsel continued. "No one would have cause to believe he would be so irresponsible as to sail a small craft without safety equipment across one of the busiest shipping lanes in the world."

Mr Knight, aged 48, now drawing social security benefit, of Manor Oaks Road, Sheffield, pleaded guilty to landing an animal at Whitstable with intent to evade the quarantine regulations.

Judge Cotton passed a six-month prison sentence, suspended for a year, fined Mr Knight £200 and ordered him to pay £200 legal costs.

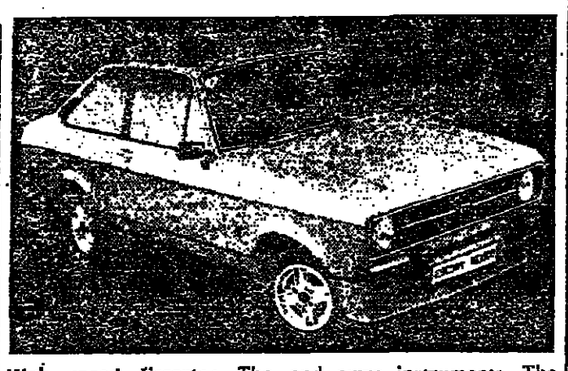
He said Mr Knight had been given a document explaining the danger of rabies, and added: "You then brought this dog to this city of half a million inhabitants and when interviewed lied again and tried to suborn others."

Mr Walker said Mr Knight Mr Paul Beard, for the defence, said the couple were childless and the dog was a child substitute.

Magistrates at Deal, Kent, last August fined John David Henderson, aged 31, the maximum penalty of £400 for bringing a dog into the country without a Ministry of Agriculture import licence.

Mr Henderson, of Brasted Place, Brasted, Kent, appealed at Maidstone Crown Court against the fine. Mr John Reddish, his counsel, submitted that the fine was excessive and wrong in principle.

Reducing the fine to £50, Mr Michael Easthan, QC, the recorder, said the court treated it as a case where there was no intention to deceive or smuggle. He added: "We feel that the maximum penalty imposed in this case was not justified".



High speed Escorts: The Ford Escort range is enlarged today with a new version of the high performance Mexico rally car (above). It is powered by a 1600cc overhead camshaft engine, developing 95 brake horsepower and giving a claimed top speed of 106 mph (our Motoring Correspondent writes).

A front air dam and rear spoiler have been fitted to reduce drag, and inside there are special competition seats and extra instruments. The transmission, suspension and brakes are the same as those used on the RS 1800 cars, which took first and second places in the 1975 RAC Rally. The Mexico costs £2,444.

Another performance Escort, the two litre RS 2000, also goes on sale today. The 110bph engine takes the car from 0 to 60 mph in 8.5 seconds, with a maximum of 111 mph. At £2,857, it is the most expensive model in the Escort range.

BBC faces £1m cuts in foreign services

By Kenneth Gosling

The BBC is being asked by the Foreign Commonwealth Office to make further reductions in its external services budget. They will bring the total to well over £1m during the next three years and will inevitably affect programme output.

The corporation will have to make a saving of £600,000 for 1977-78, after the £400,000 cut in the next financial year, beginning this April. In 1978-79 a further £180,000 will have to be cut from the budget.

The cuts, which apply in April, will mean the loss of 30 hours' broadcasting a week, the disappearance of Sinhala, the official language of Sri Lanka, and a reduction of about 50 staff.

It is understood that the further cuts being asked for would almost certainly mean the disappearance of services. About a quarter of the £400,000 saving had been in capital expenditure, but the £600,000 would have to come out of the current account.

There was no response from the Association of Broadcasting and Allied Staffs yesterday but it promised "something big" for today.

Discussions have been taking place on both the foreign and domestic fronts, since the BBC is also having to make an immediate saving of £5.5m on its television service out of an eventual £10m, which must be taken out of the budget by April next year. Half the £5.5m will be saved on capital expenditure.

AA warning on moped as 'death trap'

The modern moped could be a death trap in the hands of novices, the Automobile Association's magazine *Drive* said yesterday. It called for drastic steps by the Government to stop the frightening number of deaths and serious injuries among youngsters.

Drive said that with hopes of a cheap first car fading, teenagers had taken up the moped. But the 1976 model was no longer the staid, pop-pop, motorized pushbike of 1972, when the Government banned "real" motor cycles to 16-year-olds but not mopeds up to 50cc.

The moped of today was capable of rapid acceleration and too many teenagers were riding it without adequate training.

Drive said that more than 90 per cent of moped, scooter and motor cycle riders received no organized instruction, and motorists could drive a moped without L plates. Basic tuition should be compulsory and freely available.

The Department of the Environment, commenting on the call for a national training programme, said: "The provision of facilities is largely a local rather than a central government responsibility." For the sports moped it would welcome voluntary action by the industry to limit speed capability.

Emergency talks on college's foreign students

From Our Correspondent
Northampton

A disclosure that nearly half the 1,400 full-time students at Kettering Technical College are from overseas is to be discussed at an emergency meeting between Northamptonshire education officials and the college authorities.

Education officials said yesterday that 80 of this month's intake of 90 at the college came from overseas, mostly from the Far East.

Dr Paul Wix, chairman of Northamptonshire Education Committee, said: "The position is becoming critical both in terms of accommodation and teaching staff."

Foreign students are recruited by Mr John McKinlay, the college principal, through an overseas agency. Mr McKinlay said: "There is a similar problem at other colleges throughout the country."

Trance failed to cure smoker

A woman who paid £5 to be hypnotized to help her to stop smoking complained to Northamptonshire County Council's consumer protection department that the treatment did not work and said she wanted the hypnotist prosecuted under the Trade Descriptions Act.

The department has rejected her complaint, however. Mr Denis Goodwin, deputy county consumer officer, said the hypotist's advertisement stated only that hypnosis would provide speedy help to stop smoking. It did not promise a definite result.

Assault inquiry review urged

A review of procedures for investigating assaults on people in custody was called for yesterday in a letter to Mr Jenkins, Home Secretary, by Sir George Young, Conservative MP for Ealing, Acton.

He said if prisoners appeared in the dock with clear evidence of physical damage the police and prison officers were naturally suspected. It would be much better if an independent body instead of the police investigated.

Man killed wife who had affair while he was ill

While a husband was in hospital recovering from a suicide attempt his wife was having an affair with another man, it was stated at Norwich Crown Court yesterday. A few weeks after leaving hospital the man killed his wife by stabbing her 15 times in their home.

He then telephoned for an ambulance and gave himself up to the police, Mr Michael Seif, QC, for the prosecution, said.

Frank Watts, aged 41, of Verulam Way, Cambridge, was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment. He pleaded not guilty to murdering his wife, Dorothy, but guilty to manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility. Mr Justice Mars-Jones directed that he should be given treatment for his mental condition.

Woman in need of care freed

Margaret Smith, aged 36, of Shrewsbury, who was mentally disturbed and was sent to prison for a 36p theft because no one could find her a place in hospital, was freed by the Court of Appeal yesterday.

Lord Justice James said she was one of the burdens society had to bear.

Sir Arthur Bryant

Sir Arthur Bryant, aged 76, the historian, was one of a group of nine people granted a postal decree in the London Divorce Court yesterday. Lady Bryant, aged 65, of High Point, Heathrow, Weybridge, Surrey, his second wife, consented to the decree.

New miners' leader

Mr George Rees, aged 39, will succeed Mr Guy Francis as general secretary of the South Wales area of the National Union of Mineworkers on February 5. Both are members of the Communist Party.

Jail for father who saw sons

Mr Donald Smith was jailed in the Family Division of the High Court yesterday for defying a judge's order forbidding him to see his two teenage sons. Mr Justice Dunn said Mr Smith felt his duty to his children was higher than his duty to the court.

Jailing Mr Smith, of Shenley Hill, Radlett, Hertfordshire, for contempt of court, the judge said he would remain in prison until he accepted the orders of the court.

Police budget of £20,279,100

Devon and Cornwall Police Authority agreed at Plymouth yesterday to a budget estimated at £20,279,100 for the next financial year.

The budget, including savings of £190,000 in overtime reductions, is designed to keep real growth next year down to 2.75 per cent.

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WEST EUROPE

Leaders of outlawed Spanish parties offered 'respectability'

From Harry Debelius
Madrid, Jan 13

As opposition political organizations began open recruiting and Spanish newspapers took advantage of the relaxation of press control, Government officials here began offering "respectability" to political leaders outside the establishment.

Informed sources said that Señor Manuel Fraga Iribarne, the Interior Minister, dined with the leader of the outlawed Popular Socialist Party, Professor Enrique Tierno Galvan. Other senior emissaries of the Interior Ministry made direct contact with Señor Felipe Gonzalez, secertary-general of the Spanish Socialist Party (PSOE).

The far right, already flinching under increasing signs of the advent of democracy in Spain, apparently demanded equal time. Two of their most prominent representatives had a long luncheon in Madrid on Monday with two of King Juan Carlos's ministers.

The rightwingers were Señor José Antonio Giron, former Labour Minister and present leader of General Franco's civil war veterans, and Lieutenant-General Carlos Iniesta, former director general of the paramilitary Civil Guard and political idol of the secret police.

Details of the various high-level meetings were not made public.

The wave of strikes which has paralysed most of Madrid's industries, spread to civil servants today as postal workers began a sit-in at their headquarters. There were no postal deliveries in the capital.

An estimated 80,000 telephone workers walked out for half an hour in Madrid, Barcelona and several towns in the north. There were also stoppages by bank workers. More than 100,000 workers are still on strike in Madrid alone.

Police were again on full alert, particularly in the centre of Madrid and near the postal headquarters, where they evicted several hundred workers, who are demanding higher wages. One postal worker was arrested, as were a labour lawyer and two company executives at a demonstration in an industrial suburb.

Representatives of the telephone company's state-run trade union, who locked themselves in their union building today, were dislodged by police.

This morning representatives of the Workers Commissions, the illegal trade union movement at the plant, admitted to *The Times* that their strikes were as much political as economic.

A Government note, published here without attribution, cited "competent sources" as saying that the strikes were part of a "subversive and violent plan" to undermine public order, and were aimed at a general strike. Representatives of 300 companies said at a press conference yesterday that the strikes did not represent a "campaign of political agitation".

However, leaflets left by the Communist League in the Metro underground rail system this morning called on all workers to "take to the streets" to overthrow the Government.

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MPs back 'nuclear islands' safety plan

From Michael Hornsby
Luxembourg, Jan 13

The siting of nuclear power plants underground or on man-made islands or platforms at sea should be examined by the EEC as a means of improving the safety of nuclear energy programmes, the European Parliament recommended in a resolution adopted here today.

The resolution, based on a report by the Parliament's committee on energy, research and technology, also proposed that a Community-wide policy on the siting of nuclear power plants should be laid down and that authorization procedures for such plants should be harmonized.

Tabling the resolution, Frau Hanna Walz, a West German Christian Democrat, said that a "vast public relations programme" was needed to dispel the irrational fears of nuclear power plants, which were widely regarded as "atom bombs in wrapping paper".

Compared to the other dangers to which man and his environment were exposed, those presented by nuclear power were so slight as to be acceptable, Frau Walz said. Popular exaggeration of the risks entailed in the development of nuclear power was a theme sounded by speakers from all political groups.

The energy committee's report argues that the risk of accidents, military action and sabotage could be reduced if nuclear power plants, with their fuel processing and waste storage facilities, were built underground or on artificial islands in the form of self-contained "nuclear parks".

The report says that approach could diminish the security risks of transporting radioactive material, make it easier to prevent the theft of small quantities of fissile material and check compliance with international safety regulations.

The committee accepts that a substantial expansion of nuclear energy is both desirable and necessary. It notes that the Council of Ministers has endorsed a strategy providing for 50 per cent of the electricity requirements of the EEC to by met by nuclear energy by 1985.

Not all speakers, however, were convinced by the arguments. Herr Gerhard Flamig, a West German Social Democrat, doubted the economic viability of underground construction of nuclear plants, which he said would add 30 per cent to their cost.

Mr William Hamilton, Labour MP for Fife, Central, accused his fellow MPs of complacency about the hazards of nuclear energy development. Atomic reactors had a working life of about 25 years, but they needed to be guarded for a further 100,000 years. Plutonium waste had a life of 250,000 years.

Mr Henri Simonet, the European Commissioner responsible for energy, said that the Commission was organizing a joint study with a private company of the ecological implications of "nuclear parks".

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Belgium decides to freeze potato prices

From Our Own Correspondent
Brussels, Jan 13

The Belgian Government today froze potato prices in a move to keep down the cost of living.

Until further notice retailers will not be allowed to charge more than 10 francs a kilo (about 6p a lb) and wholesalers more than 8 francs a kilo (about 5p a lb). This compares with shop prices of between 12 and 20 francs a kilo in recent weeks.

The Belgian Government has taken action because of the important role the potato plays in the consumer price index. Most wages are linked to the index and a large increase in potato prices would have boosted incomes at a time when the government is trying to hold down wage costs.

Baader-Meinhof defendants begin to testify

Stuttgart, Jan 13.—Herr Andreas Baader, one of the alleged leaders of the Baader-Meinhof terrorist gang told a court in Stuttgart today that they were "an urban guerrilla group, a little motor to start up the great revolution by armed forces".

Herr Baader, Fran Ulrike Meinhof, Fräulein Gudrun Ensslin and Herr Jan-Carl Raspe, are charged with a series of murders, bombings and bank robberies before their arrest in 1972.

Taking turns in reading a long statement in revolutionary jargo, they did not specifically discuss the charges. But they said that the charges were demagogic and based on perjury.—Reuter and UPI.

General accuses revolutionaries of waging a demoralization campaign among troops

Warning on French Army morale

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, Jan 13

General Marcel Bigeard, the paratroop general, and State Secretary in the Defence Ministry in charge of Army reform, said that revolutionary movements in France wanted to break the armies of the West and especially the French Army, which had withstood stresses and strains so far rather better than other ones.

"There is afoot an enterprise of demoralization on a French and European level which has been going on for five or six years," he told a luncheon of the Anglo-American Press Association.

It was incorrect to say, as defence counsel for those charged in connexion with the setting up of soldiers' committees had said, that the Government was using a sledgehammer to crush a fly in this case.

"The matter is serious. It was time the Government took action. If the matter was referred to the court for state security, and not to military tribunals, it is because a number of civilians are involved." All the servicemen charged except one had been freed pending trial.

The means used to undermine the authority of NCOs and officers were very effective, the general went on. Leaflets were circulated in barracks with slanderous insinuations about their private lives. Three French revolutionary movements were involved, with ramifications abroad. (The court for state security allegedly has proof of links with the Baader-Meinhof terrorist gang in West Germany). "Justice is doing good work, but it moves slowly."

The general was for democracy in the Army and participation, but not for politics and even less trade unions in the Army.

"With the French mentality being what it is, you can imagine what would happen if party politics spread to the armed forces. As a matter of fact, all the left-wing parties have said 'no' to trade unionism in the Army. If there were unions, there would be a parallel hierarchy, and that would never do."

Young Frenchmen were basically sound. Naturally, there were anti-militarists among them. "I was an anti-militarist when I was 20. I cried when I was called up."

The Army was expected to make up for the shortcomings of education and religion, and give young Frenchmen principles. But he was against a professional army. "It is much easier, in a way, if you have professionals. But it costs more. And who would want nowadays to serve as a regular corporal? I think it is essential that young Frenchmen should have a share in the defence of their country. With military service, we have a chance of getting the best."

General Bigeard said that France now had a strategic nuclear force which really counted for something. Gone were the days when *Le Canard enchainé* would make jokes about the *bombinette* of General de Gaulle. Twenty-two thousand kilotons was not much compared to what the Americans and Warsaw Pact forces had. "But it is not necessary to be able to crush everything to defend oneself. In addition, the First French Army has five divisions, two in Germany and three in France."

What he had concentrated on since his appointment a year ago was the revalorization of the 40 regiments of the home defence. "I have tried to give them the same doctrine, the same spirit, and the paratroop style." He sometimes looked with envy on the Soviet forces with their extraordinary equipment and spirit, and "10 days leave a year". In the West, it was peace all the time, "and *café au lait* in bed".

The West, he thought, was going under, not because of a direct threat from the East, but through excessive facility and permissiveness. But there was some reaction. "Last July 14 soldiers were welcomed in families. Parliamentarians are taking trouble over army matters."

Asked what he thought of Cardinal Marty's condemnation of French arms sales, General Bigeard replied: "I am not a Cardinal. If I were, I might have the same reaction. But if France does not sell arms abroad, our American and British and German friends will in our place."

Personally, he did not believe in a threat of war in Europe in coming years. The Warsaw Pact had every means, moral and physical, of crushing Europe. But he did not believe that it would hurl its forces against the West. What he did believe in was the danger of rot in Western society and in the Army. France wanted to be friends with everyone but it had to have a defence organization.

He added that he would be ready to accept an invitation from General Giap, of Vietnam, conveyed recently through M Jules Roy, the writer, to revisit Dien Bien Phu, into which he had been parachuted three times.



General Marcel Bigeard: Danger of rot in Western societies.

First shots in Portuguese elections

From Michael Knipe
Lisbon, Jan 13

Portugal's Centre Social Democratic Party (CDS), the country's most conservative legal political movement, fired what amounts to the first undisguised shot in an election campaign today with a sharp attack on the sixth provisional Government.

Professor Diogo Freitas do Amaral, the party leader, said the military-led three-party Government had produced an economic crisis which defied description. The system, he said, worked only because currency notes continued to be printed. The blame was being laid at the door of the "Gonçalvists", the associates of the pro-Communist General Vasco Gonçalves, the former Prime Minister. But all three of the parties in the present Government, the Socialists, Popular Democrats and Communists, had participated in the Gonçalves government and thus shared responsibility.

Criticizing the three government parties for fighting among themselves and campaigning for votes instead of governing, the professor claimed that the CDS was "the sole relevant democratic party which is not responsible for the economic disaster".

The CDS, which in a Portuguese context resembles perhaps the left wing of the British Conservative Party, polled only 7 per cent of the votes in last April's elections for a constituent assembly to draft a constitution, compared to the Socialists' 38 per cent, the centre-left Popular Democrats' 26 per cent and the Communists' 13 per cent.

The party is now attempting to make full use of the more moderate political atmosphere of the past few months and to attract the possibly sizable number of conservative-minded voters who plumped for the Popular Democrats or Socialists in April with a view to fending off a Communist victory.

In preparation for the promised elections, due to take place before April 25, the five main political parties and the military leaders are in the process of renegotiating the pact under which the military Revolutionary Council retains supreme power for the next few years.

Paris newspaper lists 32 'CIA agents'

From Richard Wigg
Paris, Jan 13

The Paris Maoist daily Liberation today claimed that Mr Eugen F. Burgstaller was the head of the United States Central Intelligence Agency's Paris station, and it published two front-page photographs purporting to show him getting out of a French car.

Liberation gave Mr Burgstaller's name in a list of 32 men and women who, it claimed, were among the 50 CIA agents in Paris, most of them working under cover of the United States Embassy.

The newspaper, which was founded by M Jean-Paul Sartre, said it had spent three months carrying out an investigation on the lines recommended by the American anti-CIA "Fifth Estate" group. It gave what it said was Mr Burgstaller's room number in the Paris embassy, his office telephone number, and his home address in the sixteenth arrondissement and his home telephone number.

Referring to the killing of Mr Richard Welch of the United States Embassy in Athens last month, after a newspaper had identified him as the CIA station chief, Liberation maintained that it did "not wish the death of anyone". However, CIA agents always ran risks commensurate with the "crimes" of the Americans in the countries where they had worked.

Liberation's list apparently apparently included women secretaries. It asserted that some of those named were specialists in Middle East and African problems. It named Mr Oleg Selsky as an "expert in the struggle against the KGB."

The newspapers maintained that its purpose in publishing the list was to "disorganize and retard for a time at least" the work of the CIA in France.

It said that the DST, the French counter-espionage agency, had tapped its telephones "on behalf of the Americans" while it was compiling the list.

Reporters who called the home numbers, where these were given, of the American officials found the telephone put down on them or unanswered. The United States Embassy indicated last night when told the list would be published that it would have no comment.

Patrick Brogan writes from Washington: Various branches of the United States Government have refused to comment directly on the report in Liberation. A State Department officials did say, however, that publishing the list was "contemptible and inflammatory".

He said: "I don't want to comment on any such account in any specific publication, but events have shown that the publication of such a list is very irresponsible and can lead irrational or fanatical elements to attack individual diplomats".

He was obviously referring to the assassination of Mr Welch in Athens last month.

Only three of the 32 names in the Libération list are to be found in the State Department's foreign service list for 1974, the most recent available, and none appear in the department's most recent diplomatic list as being stationed in Paris.

The State Department is quite content to leave all lists of names in confusion. One officer mentioned in *Libération*, Mr Charles Cusik, joined the Army Department in 1952 at the age of 29 from civilian life, as a "junior analyst", according to the biographical list. He was then sent to learn Arabic in Beirut and has since served as consular assistant or political officer in Dhahran, Cairo, Tripoli and Rabat.

This clearly makes him a Middle East expert, but does not necessarily make him a spy. The gathering of political intelligence is, after all, a legitimate enough occupation for a diplomat.

The other two identifiable officers appear briefly in the State Department general list. One had a career in South America, the other served as a clerk in Vientiane in 1973. He is now 38 and the obscurity of his antecedents may be the mark of the CIA. At all events, no one is saying.

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Gruelling time ahead for the Bundestag

From Dan van der Vat
Bonn, Jan 13

The Bundestag reassembles tomorrow after the New Year recess to face a gruelling last lap before West Germany's eighth general election in the autumn.

Although the election takes place on October 3 (six weeks earlier than the constitutionally imposed deadline) the House will not reassemble after rising for the summer recess in the first half of July. Deputies will be involved in the climax of the campaign after the holidays.

What with Easter and other breaks, this reduces parliamentary time to a total of 16 weeks, or a net total of 48 days for the House as a whole, as it normally sits only three days a week. The other two working days are taken up by caucus and committee meetings, which play a rather larger role in Bonn than at Westminster.

During this crowded period, the coalition Government of Social Democrats (SPD) and Free Democrats (FDP) must push through at least six pieces of major reform legislation in order to be able to say that it kept the promises it made in the last election campaign, in 1972.

These include the extension of *Mitbestimmung*, or worker codetermination, to all companies with more than 2,000 employees. As the SPD and FDP have at last agreed on a compromise on this after years of wrangling, and the opposition Christian Democrats (CDU) accept it the measure should be through by Easter.

The CDU will prove less helpful on two other important items—land development reform and making abortion easier. Last year, the Federal Constitutional Court, on a complaint by the Opposition, rejected an enacted law permitting abortion on demand. The CDU also oppose a more modest Government proposal on abortion law reform.

The coalition partners have still to reach agreement on reshaping corporation tax before a Bill which the CDU will not like, can even be tabled. The Opposition also has objections to a coalition legislative package modernizing marriage and family law, which goes a long way towards equality.

Finally, the Government is determined to find time to put through a law reforming vocational training, another election promise from four years ago.

Besides all this, and lesser pieces of legislation, Parliament has to fit in major debates on recent agreements with Poland, on the state of the nation report by Herr Schmidt, the Chancellor—covering relations with East Germany, defence and security—and no doubt several on the state of the economy.

All these fruitful fields for controversy will be rendered even more fertile by the prospect of the election. The final big test of public opinion before polling day will be on April 4, when Baden-Württemberg chooses a new parliament in the last of the *Land* elections. This will put even more pressure on the time of Bonn's political leaders.

That the general election campaign has already begun and dominates the thinking of all politicians here was made clear at last week's ceremonies marking the one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of the first West German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer.

The keynote of the celebrations was not the undoubted debt owed him by a grateful nation, but how each party could claim him for its own. While the CDU, which he led, sought to lay exclusive claim to his glory, the Chancellor coolly described him in a television address as the only worthy opponent the SPD had ever had.

Newspapers of all political colours rebuked the politicians for squabbling over a grave instead of debating the election issues. The main such issue is likely to be the economy, which could cost the coalition the election unless the long-awaited improvement appears by summer. This is Herr Schmidt's Achilles' heel.

Politicians to get more time on French television

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Jan 13

President Giscard d'Estaing said in a televised broadcast tonight that he intended that the political parties, trade unions, and professional organizations would have more time allotted to them on television channels.

The Opposition, and particularly M François Mitterrand, the Socialist leader, have criticized the President for not giving them "the right of reply" in equivalent television time whenever he, or a prominent member of the Government, makes a political broadcast.

M Giscard d'Estaing did not give details of what allocation he envisaged but he spoke of 24 new "programmes" a year on the two main channels to be devoted to parties and organizations in addition to the time they were given now.

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Fourth UN bomb is found as Jewish group claims responsibility

om Peter Strafford
w York, Jan 13
Another bomb was found and fused by police early today as United Nations Security uncil prepared to resume its ddle East debate, in which Palestine Liberation Organiion (PLO) is participating.
e bomb, at the Iraq mission, s timed to explode early this rning, police said.
Yesterday three bombs were nd just outside United tions headquarters, set to go half an hour before the ening of the Security Council ate.
Responsibility for all four nbs has been claimed by a up calling itself the "Jewish med Resistance Strike Move nt".
A caller said that the aim was call attention to the fact it if the United Nations supts murderers and terrorists, y may expect to be the vics of terrorists and . . . to ll attention to the fact that cretary of State Kissinger is stroying the state of Israel". The group appears to be ked to the better-known wish Defence League. A okesman for the league deed that it was involved, but id: "We applaud the attempd bombing, because it highhts our own position that ere is no Palestine and there e no Palestinians".
The Security Council's invitaon to the PLO to take part the debate and the subseent Israel boycott has caused ger here. It was reflected st night in the vehement but peless attempt by Mr Daniel oynihan, the permanent nited States representative, to ock the invitation.

Mr Moynihan was eventually outvoted 11 to one, with Britain, France and Italy abstaining (there is no veto on procedural issues).

He had argued that the PLO should not be invited because it was not a state, and because it recognized neither the right to exist of Israel, a member state, nor the authority of the Security Council.

The main interest now centres on a group which has been set up by the Arabs to overcome their differences and present a joint resolution to the council.

It consists of Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Libya and the PLO, and so brings together the main trends in the Arab world, as well as those most directly involved. Libya is the only Arab country on the Security Council.

The first move was made in the strong statement last night by Mr Farouk Kaddoumi, a PLO leader. He told the Security Council that it had "an historic opportunity to right a wrong" by compelling "the aggressors" to end their aggression.

The Palestinians demanded an independent sovereign state on their own soil, he said, and were resolved to continue their struggle, both military and political, until they could return.

They offered "a democratic solution" in which Jews and Arabs would have a peaceful and dignified life together.

It was a tough speech, in the view of other delegations, which gave no sign of recognition of Israel. But it was no tougher than others made by PLO spokesmen in the past.

£1,250 paid by Labour to African guerrillas

By Our Political Staff

Payments of £1,250 from Labour Party funds to guerrilla and liberation movements in southern Africa were announced yesterday at a meeting of the party's international committee by Mrs Judith Hart, MP for Lanark.

She reported that the party's Southern Africa Solidarity Fund was paying £250 to the South-West African Namibia (South-West Africa) from South Africa. Two liberation movements in South Africa, the African National Congress and the Pan-Africanist Congress, are each receiving £500.

Mrs Hart said that the fund was holding in reserve a further £500, which would soon be paid to liberation movements in Rhodesia.

The international committee also discussed the British Government's actions after the release from Chile of Dr Sheila Cassidy. It expressed full support for Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary.

The committee intends to press Mr Healey, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, over the question of help sought by the Chilean Government in rescheduling Chilean debts to Britain. A deputation of four members of the committee, led by the chairman, Mr Ian Mikardo, MP for Tower Hamlets, Bethnal Green and Bow, will call on Mr Healey to discuss the subject.



Three South African and two Portuguese soldiers, captured by the MPLA while fighting in Angola, being paraded before journalists at the OAU summit conference in Addis Ababa.

OAU evenly divided between Angolan rivals

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was set up after the last summit in Kampala to look into the Angolan question, would be able to complete its report by the time the heads of state hold their next meeting in Mauritius this summer.

Mr Mandungu Bula, the Zaire Foreign Minister, whose country is actively backing the two anti-communist movements in Angola, the Angolan National Liberation Front (FNLA) and the Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita), saw the result as a "victory for reason and the dignity of our continent". For the first time Soviet as well as South African interference in black Africa had been exposed and condemned.

The leaders of the rival nationalist movements both expressed some satisfaction over the outcome. Dr Jonas Savimbi, the Unita leader, said that although he was disappointed that there had been no agreement on a ceasefire, he was relieved that the MPLA had not been recognized.

On the MPLA side the movement's director of information, Dr Luis de Almeida, said the meeting had been positive as it demonstrated exactly where support lay within the organization. He was confident that more African countries would recognize the MPLA within the next few weeks and that the MPLA would be able to take its rightful seat as the government of Angola at the next OAU meeting.

On the face of it the Addis Ababa meeting was a defeat for the MPLA and its Soviet backers. The MPLA came to Ethiopia expecting to be granted recognition and has not succeeded, largely due to the determined opposition of several French-speaking West African states, notably Senegal and Zaire.

However, the anti-MPLA group's success may prove to be a pyrrhic victory. The MPLA does seem set to receive additional backing, notably from Ethiopia which felt constrained as host country not to take sides during the meeting. Moreover, the MPLA campaign to focus attention on FNLA and Unita "collusion" with South Africa undoubtedly made an impact on some countries. And recent MPLA military successes, if maintained, could also swing opinion in its favour.

As for the OAU itself, it is now confronted with a deep ideological split among its 46 members, 22 of whom consistently backed the MPLA while another 22 opposed the exclusive right of the MPLA to represent the people of Angola. This division, if carried to the United Nations, could seriously weaken Africa's voice

Countries supporting the MPLA were: Nigeria, Algeria, Benin (formerly Dahomey), Burundi, Cape Verde, Comoro Islands, Congo, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, Libya, Mauritius, Madagascar, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Sao Tomé and Principe, Somalia, Sudan, Chad and Tanzania.

Countries supporting the Senegalese resolution for a ceasefire and government of National Unity were: Egypt, Botswana, Cameroun, Ivory Coast, Senegal, Gambia, Gabon, Upper Volta, Kenya, Liberia, Lesotho, Malawi, Morocco, Mauritania, Central African Republic, Sierra Leone, Swaziland, Togo, Tunisia, Zaire, Zambia and Rwanda.

Two states which did not commit themselves in the voting were Uganda, in the OAU chair, and Ethiopia, the host country.

Criticism of Concorde fuel supply rejected

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, Jan 13

Concorde carried sufficient supplies of fuel, as laid down by international regulations, not only to cover the Paris-Washington route, but also several tons more, the Aérospatiale, the French makers of Concorde, said today.

They were replying to statements made on Sunday in Washington by the chairman of the Association of American Air Traffic Control Operators.

The supersonic Anglo-French airliner had covered the distance between Paris and Washington in September, 1973, with the required reserves of fuel. International regulations required that any aircraft must have at its disposal reserves sufficient to enable it to wait for 35 minutes.

In practice, the corporation emphasized, these reserves were larger. Concorde would in most cases have reserves for more than an hour, and even with unfavourable winds for more than the required 35 minutes. It would also have enough fuel on board to go on to another airfield if its regular port of call were closed.

The French Ministry of Transport considers that the air traffic controllers' criticism of Concorde shows ignorance of the fuel supply organization of airlines. Concorde covered a greater distance last summer when it flew to Caracas on a test flight, simulating the worst flying conditions, and being deliberately diverted from its normal port of call.

Cairo wants no change in UN resolutions

om Our Correspondent
iro, Jan 13
President Sadat said today it Egypt would not approve any change in the United tions Security Council's two in resolutions on the Middle st.
Speaking at a press conference in Cairo, he described the olutions as the foundation of process to bring about ace.
Resolution 242 of 1967 called Israel's withdrawal from upied Arab territories and aranteed the security and ereignty of all countries in region, while Resolution 3 of 1973 called for the implenation of all clauses of solution 242.
Mr Sadat urged the Security uncil, now debating the ddle East dispute, to treat Palestine issue as a political estion and not merely as a manitarian question of refus.
Asked about Palestinian position to the two Security uncil resolutions, Mr Sadat plied that he was speaking out Egypt's stand and "it is to the Palestinians to decide eir own position".
Mr Sadat, who was speaking reporters after meeting Mr Allan MacEachen, the Canadian Foreign Minister, said the Geneva peace conference should meet as soon as possible with the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) on equal footing with other delegations.
President Sadat said that at first Egypt would attend the Geneva meeting without the Palestinians, but he added: "We shall struggle for the Palestinians to attend later. Palestine is the core of the Middle East crisis and without the Palestinians there will be no peace."
Dealing with Lebanon, Mr Sadat said that if there were any attempt by Israel to exploit the conflict there "we have our responsibilities to fulfil". He described the conflict as a tragedy, saying "we condemn what is going on there".
Mr Sadat said the present Lebanese system had proved wrong. The Lebanese should first sit together without interference from any Arab or non-Arab power to settle their differences and change the system. Afterwards the Lebanese and the Palestinians should meet, also without any interference, to resolve any differences between them.

Arab infiltrators killed in Israel orchard

om Eric Marsden
usalem, Jan 13
After an all-night search ng the Lebanese border area ael troops this morning dis ered a group of Arab infiltors who had broken through security fence, apparently an attempt to attack civilian tlements.
The gang was found in an hard north of the settlement Margaliot, and its four mems were killed in a clash with Army patrol. An Army mmuniqué said there were no el casualties. The Arabs ried Kalachnikov rifles, a ooka, explosives, grenades, es, axes and propaganda lets.
is believed here that the g was sent on its mission he Arab "Rejection Front", ch opposes any move tois compromise by the Palesn Liberation Organization as acceptance of the idea separate state based on the t Bank and Gaza.
curity forces throughout el have been on special t against terrorist attack some days. Last night ral Katyusha rockets were d from Lebanese territory ards the town of Safed, cut some power lines but caus no other damage or casual-

r Peres, the Defence Minis has expressed fears that an emist resolution by the ed Nations Security Coun might make it more diffi- cult for Arab states to pursue a moderate policy.
He said Israel had watched with great hope as Egypt had reduced its standing army and followed Israel's example of relying on reserves. A nation that reduced its war machine increased its peaceful intentions, he said.
Mr Peres said Israel still believed that the step-by-step approach offered the best hope of progress to peace.
"Step-by-step means that Israel will go forward a territorial step if the Arabs will go forward a political step. We are ready to move geographically if the Arabs will show simultaneous readiness to move politically."
He rejected Western attempts to put pressure on Israel to "sit down with the terrorists". He said the world press was making unfair demands on Israel. "We are not ignoring world public opinion but we are not going to sacrifice the country's future in a moment of weakness just to answer the need for public relations."
Beirut, Jan 13.—The Palestinian Rejection Front today claimed responsibility for a "military suicide operation" at the Israel settlement of Howneen.
It said four guerrillas had blown themselves up together with hostages they had seized after the Israelis had rejected their demands for the release of 30 prisoners.—UPI.

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is release came after a sage from Mr Wilson to ident Mobutu of Zaire
r Martin, aged 37, from herhead, Surrey, was de- ed by Zaire authorities when light aircraft in which he flying from Luanda to do in Angola landed by ake in their territory on ember 18.
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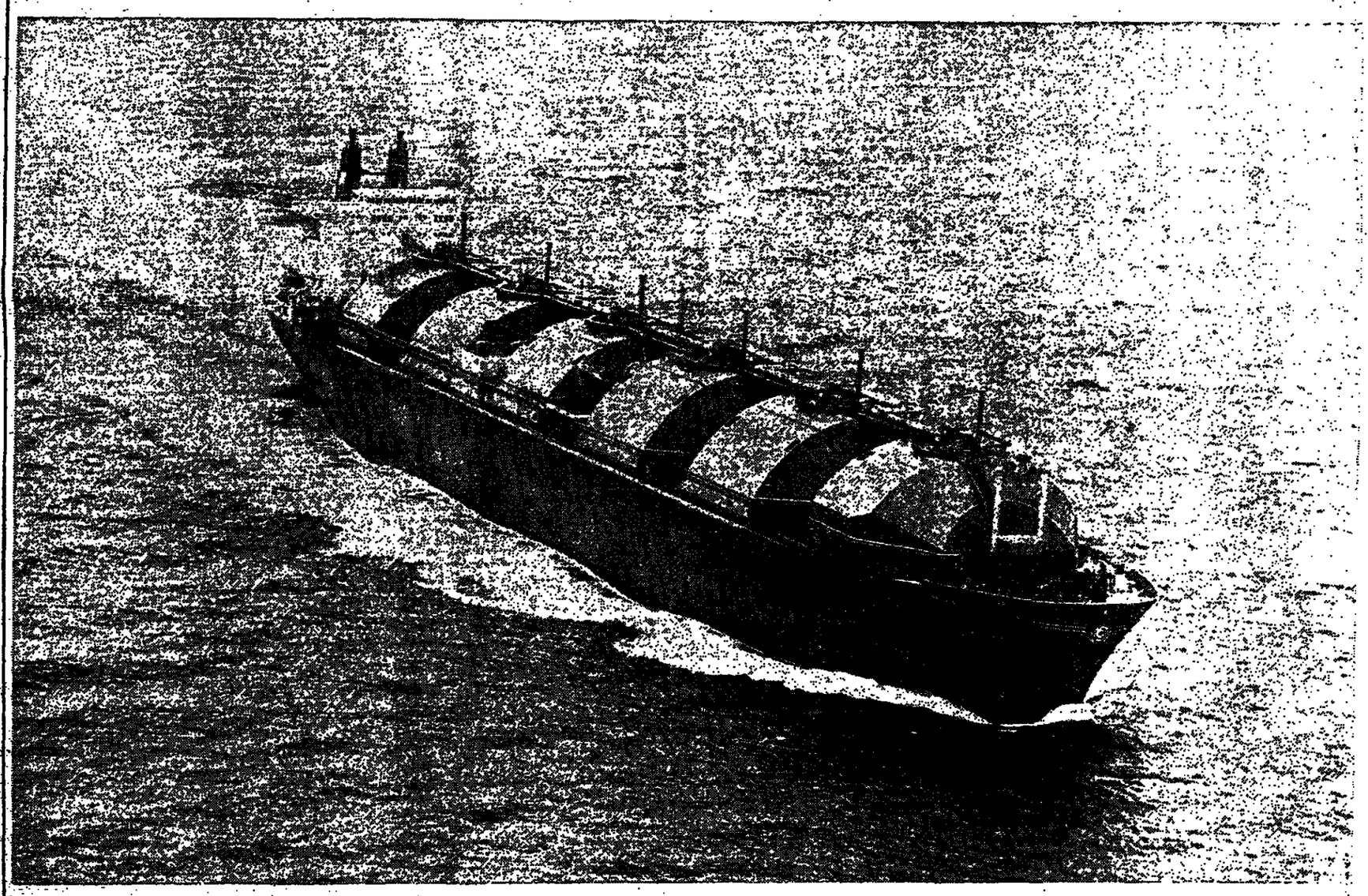
Mrs Armstrong approved as US ambassador

By a Staff Reporter

The Queen has given her formal approval (or *agrément*) to the appointment of Mrs Anne Armstrong as the next United States ambassador in London. Mrs Armstrong, who is 48 years old, married to a Texas ranch-owner and has five children, will be the first woman to hold the post.

Although her appointment has not yet been formally announced by President Ford, she has been giving interviews saying how much she is looking forward to the post. The present ambassador, Mr Elliot Richardson, returns to Washington on Friday after less than a year at the Grosvenor Square embassy to become Secretary of Commerce.

Largest LNG ship joins IU's Gotaas-Larsen fleet: Sea-trials and cargo-handling tests under way.



Natural gas to be transported from Abu Dhabi to Tokyo under 20-year charters

One of the world's largest liquefied natural gas (LNG) carriers is presently conducting cargo-handling tests at Canvey Island in the Thames Estuary, near London and in the North Sea. The 125,000-cubic-meter vessel, which began its sea trials last month, will go into service later this year between Abu Dhabi and Tokyo.

For IU International Corporation and its subsidiary, Gotaas-Larsen Shipping Corporation, the introduction of this new LNG carrier represents a major effort to gain a leadership role in the growing field of LNG transportation.

The new vessel—which is named *Hilli* for an historically significant oasis in Abu Dhabi—was built at the Moss-Rosenburg Verft shipyard in Stavanger, Norway. Two similar LNG carriers are being constructed for Gotaas-Larsen by this yard, which has pioneered many innovations in the design and construction of LNG carriers featuring free-standing spherical aluminium alloy cargo tanks.

All three of the Norwegian-built ships have been chartered for 20 years by a consortium consisting of The British Petroleum Co., Ltd., London; Compagnie Française des Pétroles, Paris; Mitsui and Co., Ltd., Tokyo; and Bridgestone Liquefied Gas Co., Ltd., Tokyo. The revenues from the three long-term charters will be about $1 billion.

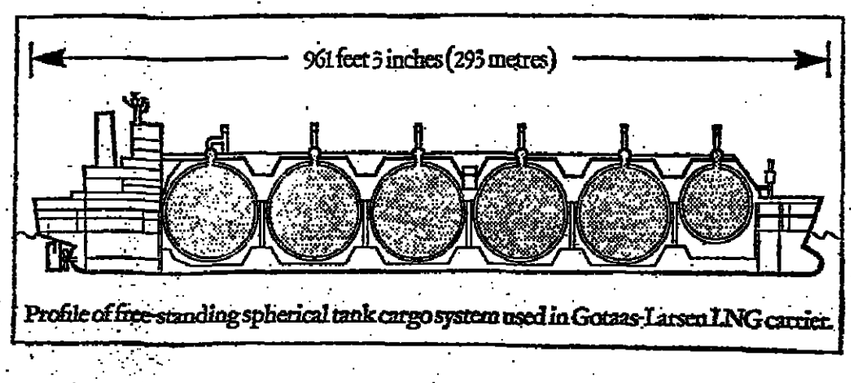
Financing for the *Hilli* has been arranged with Morgan Guaranty Trust Company, New York; Continental Illinois National Bank & Trust Company, Chicago; The Royal Bank of Canada, Montreal; and the Laaneinstituttet for Skipsbyggeriene, Oslo.

Gotaas-Larsen has ordered three additional LNG carriers of the Moss-Rosenberg design from shipyards in Japan and West Germany. Discussions are currently under way which may lead to the employment of these vessels in the trade between Indonesia and Japan.

The *Hilli* and her sister ships are 961 feet 3 inches (293 metres) long, with beams of 136 feet 6 inches (41.6 metres) and drafts of 37 feet 9 inches (11.5 metres). With a service speed of 20 knots, these vessels will be among the world's fastest in their class, an important factor in transporting LNG. The ships will carry LNG at 260 degrees below zero Fahrenheit (−160 degrees Centigrade) at approximately 1/600th of its volume as a gas. After regasification, 125,000 cubic metres will equal about 2.7 billion cubic feet (75 million cubic metres). Each ship has a complement of 28 officers and crewmen.

Gotaas-Larsen operates a fleet of 54 ships, totaling about four million deadweight tons, which carry crude oil, refined petroleum products, coal, ore, grain, and other bulk products throughout the world. The IU subsidiary also has interests in offshore drilling rigs and cruise ships. Gotaas-Larsen, wholly-owned by IU since 1965, has its principal offices in New York and Oslo.

IU International has major interests in ocean and land transportation, distribution services, utilities, industrial products and services, and agribusiness. The company, which employs 40,000 people worldwide, is headquartered in Wilmington, Delaware and has executive offices in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania USA.



Profile of free-standing spherical tank cargo system used in Gotaas-Larsen LNG carrier.

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Japanese set to conclude peace treaty with Peking in spite of Gromyko objections

From Peter Hazelhurst
Tokyo, Jan 13

Mr. Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, who has spent five days in Tokyo attempting to dissuade the Japanese Government from concluding a peace treaty with China, flew home a disappointed man today as Mr Takeo Miki, the Japanese Prime Minister, announced that his Government hopes to ratify the Sino-Japanese pact as soon as possible.

In another blow to the Soviet delegation at the conclusion of the fourth round of talks, Mr Miki declared that discussions on a peace pact with Moscow had ended in deadlock because of the territorial dispute over Soviet-occupied islands.

As the sombre-faced Soviet delegation boarded their aircraft for Moscow this morning, Mr Miki told journalists categorically that he wanted to maintain friendly relations with Moscow, but his Government would not conclude a peace and friendship treaty unless the four islands of Habomai, Sikotan, Etorofu and Kunashiri, lying north-east of Hokkaido, were returned to Japan.

The islands, historically Japanese territory, were occupied by Soviet troops at the end of the Second World War, and since then the Soviet Union has claimed the territory by right of conquest.

Outlining Japan's position on its relations with Moscow today, Mr Miki said: "First, we would like to see the four islands returned to Japan, and then after that we would like to see the conclusion of the peace treaty with the Soviet Union.

"This is the procedure we have in mind. In terms of our timetable this means that unless the four islands are returned no peace treaty will be signed."

Mr Miki said Mr Gromyko's visit had not affected Japan's plans to conclude a pact with Peking. "There has been no impact. The sino-Japanese treaty only involves Japan and China and it does not affect third parties."

During the five days of consultative talks, Mr Gromyko has lodged objections against an anti-hegemony clause which Peking wants to insert in the proposed Sino-Japanese treaty. He insists that the clause—declaring that both parties should oppose any attempts by a third nation to establish its hegemony over Asia—is directed against the Soviet Union.

While Japan tried to water down Peking's version of the clause during negotiations last year, Mr Miki indicated today that understanding over terms of the proposed Sino-Japanese treaty had "deepened".

When asked specifically whether his Government was prepared to sign the treaty with the controversial clause included, Mr Miki said: "I cannot tell you in what way or form it will be finalized, but I for one would like to see the Sino-Japanese peace treaty concluded as soon as practical."

Mr Gromyko, at a rare press conference, denounced China for its attempts to persuade Japan to sign a treaty including an anti-hegemony clause.

"It is clearly intended by China to mean the Soviet Union. It is China which is seeking to establish its hegemony over Asia. This is a good opportunity for Japan to illustrate its diplomatic autonomy", the Soviet Minister said.

His reactions and Mr Miki's obvious attempt to justify the principles behind the anti-hegemony clause, seemed to indicate that the Russians believe Japan is planning to sign the peace treaty with China regardless of Moscow's objections.

Addressing foreign correspondents today, Mr Miki said Japan had made sustained efforts to promote friendlier relations with the Soviet Union. "At the same time, we will continue to strive towards an early conclusion of the peace and friendship treaty with the People's Republic of China.

"As regards the anti-hegemony clause, there is a principle of peace embodied both in the American-Chinese friendship communiqué and the joint communiqué between China and Japan.

"In addition, in the basic principles of relations agreed upon between the Soviet Union and the United States, it was clearly spelled out that neither party should make any claim for themselves and would not recognize the claims of anyone else to special rights or advantages in world affairs.

"Regardless of the terminology employed, the United States, China, the Soviet Union and Japan are unanimous in opposing hegemony. It is not contradictory, therefore, for Japan to incorporate that principle in the Sino-Japanese treaty, and at the same time pursue furtherance of better relations with the Soviet Union."

However, there can be little doubt that the main obstacle in the way of improved Soviet-Japanese relations is Moscow's adamant refusal to hand back the strategic chain of four islands, which can be seen by the naked eye off the northern coast of Hokkaido.

As 3,000 police were placed on alert in Tokyo today to safeguard the Soviet Foreign Minister's departure, left-wing and right-wing nationalists paraded through the streets in small groups demanding the return of the islands.

It is evident that the Russians have made no concessions. Mr Gromyko merely acknowledged that there were differences between Japan and the Soviet Union over the territorial dispute but he refused to discuss the issue at his press conference.

He said both sides had reiterated their positions and understood each other's views. "It is not the size of the islands, it is the principle.

"I have explained our position to the Japanese Government and I am not prepared to speak in more concrete terms to the public."

The joint communiqué issued tonight merely referred to the dispute as an unsolved problem resulting from the Second World War.

US-Soviet accord on arms control denied

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Jan 13

The State Department today denied that an agreement had been reached with the Russians on the outstanding difficulties in the strategic arms limitation talks (Salt 2) negotiations.

A spokesman, asked about a report from Moscow in yesterday's *Los Angeles Times*, said that no proposal had been made to the Soviet Union and therefore no agreement had been reached.

He admitted that Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, had been correct when he said recently that progress had been made, but declined to say just what that meant. He did not say whether the Russians had made any proposals to the United States.

All this is doubtless perfectly true, but it is certainly not the whole truth. The spokesman admitted as much. Both sides would like to reach an agreement, the sooner the better; and the "solution" reported by the *Los Angeles Times* has the look about it of the sort of compromise which the two sides are presumably examining.

The whole policy of détente and the Salt talks themselves suffered greatly last year when expected agreements were not reached. Neither the talks nor the reputations of leaders on both sides were helped when the last sets of proposals were rejected, each by the opposite side.

Our Defence Correspondent writes: Earlier, the *Los Angeles Times* Moscow Correspondent, Robert Toth, had asserted that the superpowers had reached a compromise on the two outstanding obstacles in the way of the next Salt agreement.

The Soviet Union had agreed not to go ahead with an in-flight refuelling system for the Backfire bomber, which meant that it need no longer be classed as a strategic weapon capable of reaching targets in the United States; and the Americans had agreed to limit the range of their new Cruise missile, a descendant of the V-1 "flying bomb", which would similarly reduce the strategic threat to the Soviet Union.

New thinking that makes woman's traditional role a more attractive prospect

Dr Mia Kellmer Pringle, Director of the National Children's Bureau, contributes this week's guest column.



There is a danger that children are becoming pawns in the battle for women's full social and economic liberation. Present attitudes to women, and to motherhood in particular, are confused and ambivalent. It is nonsensical to argue that for men and women to have equal opportunities, they must be identical. Biological differences between the sexes are probably compounded by emotional differences. Motherlines—i e, greater caring capacity—*may well have* become part of female make-up, because of its survival value for the human race. These differences, rather than being an inevitable limitation for women, offer them instead a potentially wider choice of lifestyle. The position of children in relation to available options needs rethinking. This then is what the scenario for the future might look like.

First, several notions which have little foundation in fact need to be dispelled. Among them are that having a child is the sole, essential, or easiest way to feminine fulfilment; that a baby completes a home, rather like a television set or fridge; or that maternity has a therapeutic effect, particularly on girls who were themselves rejected in childhood. Instead, women's, and indeed men's, right to choose or reject parenthood for themselves must be conceded unquestioningly and without any implied reproach.

Second, both public and private attitudes towards parenthood need to become more realistic and deliberate. At present, home-making and motherhood are simultaneously over-romanticized and under-valued. Instead a more truthful, perhaps even daunting, awareness should be created of the arduous demands of child-rearing—demands on the emotions, energy, time and finance—as well as of the inevitable constraints on personal independence, freedom of movement and indeed, one's whole way of life.

This would include the deglamourization of babies, who are portrayed—most blatantly in television advertisements—as irresistibly attractive, with a permanently sunny temper and angelic smile. In consequence, some women who were attracted by the idealized picture may change their minds or postpone motherhood until they feel ready to face its challenge. Those who nevertheless decide to go ahead will at least not feel quite so helplessly trapped by a situation, the reality of which they had not appreciated.

Third, new psychological knowledge as well as present socio-economic realities make a new evaluation of mothering for the under-fives imperative. Research during the past 30 years has shown that the first years are vital for later emotional, intellectual and educational development. In western societies, no wholly adequate substitute has been found for the one-to-one, close, continuing, loving and mutually enjoyable relationship which is the hallmark of maternal care. Its quality, in particular maternal involvement and participation in the child's progress, are now recognized as being of crucial importance to optimal development.

If the provision of day nurseries were to be greatly increased, then a big investment would be needed in buildings and staff training. Such a step would set the pattern of early substitute care for at least a generation. It is ironic that other countries, such as Russia, who promoted the group care of babies, are now discouraging the practice on the grounds that it is an inadequate substitute despite high costs. Here, too, group care is expensive, well-trained staff are hard to come by and the turnover rate is high.

No standards are prescribed for meeting the emotional or intellectual needs of children, hence there is a high risk of retarding their development. Surely the French and Hungarian systems of giving every inducement, including financial support, to mothers of pre-school children who care for them at home, are much to be preferred.

In any case, many women enjoy caring for their children, finding it an emotionally satisfying and enjoyable task. And why not? Surely it is more varied and creative than working in a supermarket, an assembly line of typing invoices. The demotion of mothering and home-making, and social isolation arising from urban rehousing as well as economic need, have brainwashed women into seeking as a desirable alternative the heavy burden of two roles, worker and home-maker. No man has ever claimed the right to this option!

Of course, I am not advocating that mothers should become second-class citizens, chained to kitchen and kids. On the contrary. Mothering should be recognized as the important, skilled and demanding job it is. (Incidentally, it is almost the only responsible job in our society which everyone is thought capable of undertaking without preparation or inclination.) Hence, adequate financial reward must be provided so that no mother of under-fives has to go out to work for financial reasons. Husbands should have to acknowledge the value of looking after young families by sharing their income with their wives as of right. Also the state should pay a salary to mothers, whether married or single, as is done in France, the amount being related to the pay of trained teachers and being highest for infants under two years.

Then, once children go to school, some women will want to return to outside work. Two measures are required to facilitate this: providing training opportunities or refresher courses; and shorter hours being offered by employers to working mothers so that they can see their children off to school and be home when they return, as well as allowing unpaid leave during holiday periods.

Fourth, there is the radical alternative of real equality of the sexes in parenthood. *This is to accept it not* only as a jointly and deliberately chosen lifestyle but to undertake parenting itself as a truly shared responsibility. Though lip service is paid to this concept, in practice, it is the exception for fathers to feel actively involved in pregnancy, labour, childbirth and the first few months of the baby's life. The father's part in fostering the child's development is twofold: first, he provides a second adult model, so that the boy can identify with a member of his own sex and the girl can learn at first hand about the behaviour and attitudes of the opposite sex. Secondly, there is evidence that children make better all-round progress when they receive encouragement and support not only from the mother but from another person, preferably of the opposite sex.

Parenting, which is fully shared, would mean rotating the home-making role, each parent in turn undertaking it for say a three or four-year period. The mother would probably opt for the child's early care to consolidate the initial bonds created at birth.

Employers may cavil at the idea of a rotating male/female work force. Yet many occupations lend themselves quite readily to such inter-changeability: work in shops, factories and offices; jobs in transport, whether driving or conducting; work in the catering and hotel industry. (incidentally—why is cooking considered a female occupation whereas all the famous chefs are male?); appointments in teaching, social work, nursing, medical and legal professions—to name just a few.

Those who opt for a lifestyle of shared parenthood will have to choose a like-minded partner. This may well ensure a more durable and satisfying union because the greater interweaving of experiences, both in and outside the home, should foster better mutual understanding. The children would benefit since they would get to know their fathers on a day to day basis rather than only in the evenings and at weekends. Also boys and girls would grow up with a more balanced picture of male and female roles and relationships.

In case this is dismissed as a fanciful idea, I know of a couple in New Zealand, both university teachers; who have made this choice: they have one lectureship between them for which they hold themselves jointly responsible just as they share the care of their home and children. Maybe some couples in this country, too, have made such a choice.

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London businessman 'ill' in Soviet prison

Moscow, Jan 13.—Mrs Malva Landa, a Soviet dissident, today appealed for help from Britain to secure the release of a London-educated businessman jailed in the Soviet Union for treason.

Mrs Landa said that prompt British support was vital to save the life of Mr Nikolai Burulak-Sharygin. The text of her appeal was made available to Western reporters in Moscow.

She said that the man was suffering from a heart complaint and blood pressure but had refused to enter hospital at Vladimir prison, east of Moscow, because it was insanitary.

According to her account, Mr Budulak-Sharygin, who is 49, lived as a child in the Ukraine. During the Second World War he was transported to Germany to do forced labour.

He found himself in the British occupation zone at the end of the war and moved to London. He graduated from London University and later worked for an electronics firm. It was while visiting Moscow as its representative that he was arrested in 1968.

He was sentenced to two years in prison and eight in a labour camp on treason charges because he had not returned to the Soviet Union after the war and because he was alleged to have worked for the Germans.

In 1973, he was transferred from a labour camp back to Vladimir prison as punishment for signing a collective letter complaining about conditions.

"Recently Budulak-Sharygin's state of health has worsened still further. His blood pressure has risen again and a severe heart defect has set in," Mrs Landa said.

She described Mr Budulak-Sharygin as an "English citizen", but this was denied by a British Embassy consular official. He had travelled to the Soviet Union from London on a stateless person's papers and had never taken out British citizenship, the official said.

16 stake a claim to lead Canadian Conservatives

From John Best
Ottawa, Jan 13

The contest for the leadership of Canada's Progressive Conservative Party has turned into a free-for-all, with 16 candidates in the running and possibly more to come.

The party convention to choose a leader to replace Mr Robert Stanfield will open in Ottawa on February 18.

With so many candidates, there is a danger that the convention will have lost most of its television audience from exhaustion by the time all the nominations have been made, the candidates' speeches given and the ballots counted.

At present there is no clear favourite who might reasonably be expected to achieve victory after two, three or at most four ballots. The outlook is for an arduous vote-taking grind.

There are three main contenders, one a woman, for the position held by Mr Stanfield, who decided to resign after leading the Tories last year to their third successive election defeat at the hands of Mr Trudeau's Liberals.

Two are former Liberals, who defected to the Tories after being turned down in leadership bids. Mr Claude Wagner, former Justice Minister of Quebec, was defeated by Mr Robert Bourassa, the present Premier, in a try for the provincial Liberal leadership in 1970. He joined the Tories in 1972 and was elected to Parliament the same year.

Mr Paul Hellyer ran unsuccessfully against Mr Trudeau for the national Liberal leadership in 1968. He left the Liberals in 1969, launched a new political movement which he called Action Canada, and entered the Conservative fold when it proved a flop. He retained his Toronto seat in the 1972 election, lost it in 1974 and has since been a newspaper columnist.

Both Mr Wagner and Mr Hellyer are right-wingers. The other leading candidate is Miss Flora Macdonald, a redhead from eastern Ontario who has long been active in Conservative Party backrooms and has sat in the House of Commons since 1972.

She is on the left of the party's spectrum, her position being quite close to that of Mr Stanfield on social and economic questions. They both emphasize the "Progressive" in the party name rather than the "Conservative".

Mr Wagner has perhaps the best-organized national campaign organization. His chance will come if the party decides to woo Quebec by electing a leader from Quebec, as the Liberals have done periodically. The province has cost the Tories many an election: in 1974 they won only three seats there, out of 74, while the Liberals won 60.

However, Mr Wagner is being challenged in his own backyard by Mr Brian Mulroney, a young, English-speaking Montreal lawyer. He has never held national or provincial legislative office but, his supporters say, has what it takes before the television cameras.

Other candidates conceded a chance include three MPs: Mr Joe Clark, of Alberta, at 36 the youngest of the pack; Mr John Fraser, of Vancouver; and Mr Sinclair Stevens, of Toronto.

A children's book should be one that children can afford

Writing in the "Books for Christmas" supplement of *The Times* last November, David Wade said of Brian Patten's *Mr Moon's Last Case* that it was lucky for the publisher, Allen & Unwin, that this modest 168-page book was twice as successful as the other volumes that he had been sent for review, since, at a price of £4.25, it cost twice as much.

I do not think he was here anticipating some commissariat for testing the retail value of Literary Quality—although, in these days of total legislation, such a thing is not impossible—but even if he had been doing so, his grand design would have got no further than *Mr Moon's Last Case* in its companion paperback edition. This, too—which seems to be simply a run-on of the hardback edition in card covers—is also published by Allen & Unwin and costs an astonishing £2.25.

David Wade's praise of this book, as against its rivals (its "highly individual" style and "fertile invention") is easily justified, but nobody could defend the paperback as being four, five or six times as good as such outstanding 1975 paperbacks as Margery Williams Bianco's *Poor Cecco* (Puffin, 45p), Nan Chauncy's *Mathinna's People* (Oxford, 40p) Garfield, Blishen and Keeping's *The Golden Shadow* (Carousel, 60p) or Penelope Lively's *The Ghost of Thomas Kempe* (Piccolo, 35p). I have chosen these titles almost at random from an abundance of new paperbacks for children and among nearly three hundred items, from a variety of sources, the only examples I can find priced at more than 99p—apart from *Mr Moon*—are two collections of pieces by J. R. R. Tolkien, also published by Allen & Unwin, and each costing £1 exactly.

Allen & Unwin have always been to the fore in the battle for the "realistic" pricing of books, but I believe that their pursuit of this policy in respect of children's paperbacks is doubly misguided. In the first place it runs absolutely counter to the present movement to bring as many children's books as possible within the purchasing power of children themselves. For although some paperbacks are unattractive (you have to break the back of Mollie Hunter's *The Sound of Chariots* to read the words on the inner margins), or cumbersome (*Mr Moon* himself), and although the reduction in size and quality of picture books (eg. Tomi Ungerer's *The Beast of Monsieur Racine*, Puffin, 50p) may detract from their original intention, it is difficult to see how very many children will ever discover the delights of owning their own books without access to this great store of sensibly-priced literature. A brief appendix to this article lists some further excellences from the 1975 crop of paperbacks, and it would be depressing and shameful if the Allen & Unwin philosophy were to prevail and books of such quality were to be lifted out of the reach of Every Child's pocket money.

The second argument against "realistic" paperback publishing at £2.25 a volume is that it is unnecessary. For, from the very start of the "paperbacks for children" movement, the impulse towards imaginative publishing and reasonable pricing has come from specialist paperback houses, such as Penguin/Puffin and Pan/Piccolo, or from paperback divisions in large firms like Collins's Armada Lions or Hodder & Stoughton's Knight Books.

Such specialist organization enables the whole publishing process, from editing to selling, to be carried out with considerable savings in overheads, and very often the expertise of the editorial team may ensure that paperback editions of individual books retain something of the character of their hardback originals. It is not inconceivable, for instance, that Armada Lions, or Carousel, or Puffins would have produced a more happily informal edition of *Mr Moon* in paperback for about 50p.

The most brilliant banana-balancer of all time was Pierre Strapontin, captain of the French banana-balancing team and unbeaten world-champion for twenty years until his retirement in 1907.

The banana-balancing endurance record is held by Ron Fudge of Idaho, who balanced a banana on his nose for twenty-seven days in 1928.



Achievements in Banana Balancing from the *Puffin Book of Improbable Records*, by Quentin Blake and John Yeoman, (40p)—perhaps the best paperback of all in 1975

The justification for so categorical a statement is not far to seek, since in the last few months two very distinguished publishers who issued their own children's paperbacks "privately" have decided to open their lists to the specialists. Last year Faber & Faber decided to give Puffin Books "first refusal" on paperback rights for all its new and backlist titles—a move which has already resulted in Puffin editions of Lucy Boston's *The Children of Green Knowe* (40p) and Wanda Gág's *Gone is Gone* (30p); now it has been announced that the same arrangement has been reached with Oxford University Press. In the autumn of 1976 Puffin will publish Astrid Lindgren's *Pippi Longstocking*, Philippa Pearce's *Tom's Midnight Garden*, K. M. Peyton's *Flambards* and Rosemary Sutcliff's *Warrior Scarlet*. Judging from the infrequency with which one meets Faber and Oxford children's paperbacks in bookshops (booksellers have often not even heard of the Oxford ones) this move will be a benefit not only to trade and customers alike, but also (Brian Patten please note) to those often-forgotten figures, the authors.

Along with the books commended above, the following are a few of the most notable children's paperbacks of 1975:

Picture Books: *Mog the Forgetful Cat* by Judith Kerr (Lions, 40p); *The Great Blueness* by Arnold Lobel (Lions, 35p); *The Bunyip of Berkeley's Creek* by Jenny Wagner, illus. Ron Brooks (Puffin, 50p). Easy Readers: *Bod's Apple* by M. and J. Cole (Methuen, 30p); *Meg and Mog* by H. Nicoll and Jan Pienkowski (Puffin, 50p); *Trouble in the Ark* by Gerald Rose (Puffin, 50p)

"Classics": *Still William* by R. Crompton (Armada, 40p): *The Last of the Dragons* by E. Nesbit (Puffin, 40p); *The Adventures of Uncle Lubin* by W. Heath Robinson (Puffin, 40p); *The King of the Golden River* by John Ruskin, illus. R. Doyle (Constable/Dover, 20p).

Poetry: *Oh, What Nonsense!* (and two companion anthologies) by W. Cole, illus. T. Ungerer (Methuen, 40p each); *Mind Your Own Business* by Michael Rosen (Lions, 35p).

Stories for Younger Children: *A Necklace of Raindrops* by Joan Aiken (Puffin, 75p); *Nurse Matilda Goes to Town* by Christianna Brand (Knights, 40p); *Away Goes Sally* by Elizabeth Coatsworth (Knights, 40p); *Wilkins' Tooth* by D. Wynne Jones (Puffin, 40p); *The Wild Hunt of Hagworthy* by P. Lively (Piccolo, 40p); *The Last Bus* by William Mayne (Lions, 35p); *What the Neighbours Did* by Philippa Pearce (Puffin, 30p); *Here Comes Mumfie* by K. Tozer (Carousel, 40p).

Stories for Older Children: *No Beat of Drum* by Hester Burton (Oxford, 50p); *Red Shift* by Alan Garner (Lions, 45p); *That Was Then, This Is Now* by S. E. Hinton (Lions, 35p); *Mrs Frisby and the Rats of NIMH* by R. C. O'Brien (Puffin, 30p); *The Red Pony* by John Steinbeck (Piccolo, 40p); *The Mark of the Horse Lord* by Rosemary Sutcliff (Oxford, 50p).

Brian Alderson

Scenes of grief at Peking tribute to Chou

From Our Own Correspondent
Peking, Jan 13

Thousands of people congregated tonight at the Monument to the Martyrs of the Chinese Revolution in central Peking, weeping openly and singing the "Internationale" in memory of Mr Chou En-lai, the former Prime Minister. From the afternoon onwards crowds—mostly of young people—arrived bearing colourful paper wreaths. Some flung themselves on the ground as a sign of grief, but most simply wiped their eyes or stood with heads bowed and shoulders shaking in front of the tall manument with its heroic friezes opposite the portrait of Chairman Mao Tse-tung over the Tien An Men Gate.

The scene was orderly, with mourners mostly arriving in groups and listening to lectures on the political situation before presenting their tribute. Soldiers and security men stood by in case of incidents but the situation seemed generally under control.

Nigerians killed by Equatorial Guinea soldiers

Lagos, Jan 13.—Eleven Nigerian emigrant workers were murdered by soldiers of Equatorial Guinea while awaiting transport home from Santa Isabel last weekend, a survivor said on his arrival in Lagos.

The Nigerian Federal Government yesterday said that this was "the worst incident to date in the unbroken chain of provocation and humiliation meted out to Nigerians in Equatorial Guinea".

One of the victims, a labourer, told reporters that the men had been attacked in an attempt to stop them from going home.

A number of seriously wounded men have been repatriated to Nigeria and seven coffins have been handed over.

Three months ago, the wife of the third secretary at the Nigerian Embassy in Equatorial Guinea and her Nigerian housemaid were reported to have been beaten by members of the Youth Brigade.—Agency France-Presse.

Mrs Castle on mission in Iran

Teheran, Jan 13.—Mrs Barbara Castle, the Social Services Secretary, arrived in Teheran to day to help Iran to improve its health and social welfare systems. She said that on her three-day visit she would see how the Department of Health and British Hospitals could aid Iran as consultants to create more hospitals and meet social welfare needs.

Mrs Castle also has visited Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

Guerrillas kill 100 in Sahara

Algiers, Jan 13.—Algerian supported guerrillas in Western Sahara killed 68 Moroccan troops and 32 Mauritanians in the second part of last month, the Polisario Front, fighting for the independence of the territory, said in Algiers today.

On the northern front, the guerrillas also wounded 82 Moroccans, destroyed 20 lorries and 10 vehicles carrying machine guns. In the south they had blown up a section of a railway

Search aircraft find no trace of vanished ship

By Philip Howard

United States search aircraft returned to their base in Okinawa last night, having found no trace of the huge ore and oil carrier, the Berge Istra, which has been missing in the western Pacific since December 29.

The ship, owned by a Norwegian company but registered in Liberia, appears not only to have become the biggest and most heavily insured vessel ever to vanish at sea, but also to have joined the mysterious roll of ships that have disappeared without trace.

The Berge Istra (227,556 tons) was sailing from Brazil to Japan with 188,000 tons of iron ore. It was last heard from in stormy weather south-west of the Philippine island of Mindanao on December 29. A typhoon passed through the area at the time of the last message. The ship's crew of 32 included a Briton, Mr Ronald Le Marche, from Alderney.

About 70 per cent of the insurance cover on the Berge Istra is carried by underwriters in London, either with Lloyds or the insurance companies. This amounts to between £9m and £10m for the hull and machinery; insurance for the valuable cargo is also carried in London. The reinsurance market to unload the premiums, which opened when the ship was posted overdue, has now closed, on the assumption that it is lost.

When significant wreckage of the ship is found, the Lutine Bell at Lloyds will be struck once, to announce the bad news. This ill-omened bell is made from the wreckage of a ship which sank in 1799 with cargo worth £500,000. It was last rung once in January, 1972, when the Venus Challenger was discovered by an aircraft sunk 26 miles out from Karachi during the war between India and Pakistan.

A double ring signifies that a missing ship has been found safe. This was last struck in January last year, when the Liberian ship Tropical Plywood was found safe after being posted overdue.

On Monday night an American aircraft spotted flashlights on an island off the Philippines believed to be uninhabited, raising hopes that some of the crew had reached safety. However, further reconnaissance yesterday discovered that the lights came from a small village not marked on maps.

The list of ships that have vanished without trace off the face of the unfathomable high seas in modern times is tragic and short. The most recent was the Hull trawler, the Gaul, which disappeared north of Norway in February, 1974, with the presumed loss of 36 lives. In 1909 the Waratah, a cargo and passenger ship of the Blue Anchor Line, disappeared between Durban and Cape Town, taking 92 passengers with her into enigma. For want of other evidence, history attributes its disappearance to a freak wave.

The solution of another old maritime mystery is approaching climax in the South Pacific. The British expedition led by Commander John Gratton of the Royal Navy is on site off the Auckland Isles, and confidently expects within the next few days to recover the wreck and treasure of the General Grant, a 1,100-ton American three-masted barque, wrecked off the Aucklands in 1866 with a cargo of nine tons of bullion.

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Isao Sato and Sab Shimono

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Prince and Sondheim cross the Pacific

Pacific Overtures
Winter Garden, New York

Clive Barnes

The translation of a culture—and a translation of a translation at that—these are only the beginnings of the beguiling and sometimes bewildering complexities of the new musical, *Pacific Overtures*, which arrived at the Winter Garden Theatre on Sunday.

It is the story of what happened when four black ships came to a land of changeless order. It is all about the Westernization of Japan, and, obliquely and finally, why Seiko watches are today the third largest-selling watch in Switzerland. It is about a change of scene, a change of heart—but stylistically it is also about a type of theatre.

Pacific Overtures started out life as a play by John Weidman. It concerned Commodore Matthew Galbraith Perry's American expedition to Japan in 1853, which was really the *opening of contact with Japan* and the West after a lapse of 250 years and an industrial revolution. Harold Prince, producer and director, was fascinated by the theme, but the play was eventually turned into a musical, using Weidman's book and music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim.

Somewhere along the line the decision was made to base the performing style very loosely on the Japanese Kabuki theatre, which is one of the best-known Japanese theatrical genres. In the last quarter of a century Kabuki troupes have played regularly in the West.

The manner is different from the more refined Noh drama, or, for that matter, the puppet theatre of Bunraku. It is a popular theatre, dealing with comedies as well as legends, for it is not a court theatre like the Gagaku. It combines acting with dancing and music and, as in the days of the Shakespearian theatre, all roles, male and female, are taken by men.

Sondheim's music is in a style that might be called Japonaiserie (Leonard Bernstein quite often seems to be trysting with Madam Butterfly in the orchestra pit) but also uses some authentic Japanese instruments.

The lyrics are totally western and—as is the custom with Sondheim—devilish, wittily and delightfully clever. Musically there is a disparity between Sondheim's operetta-like elegance and ethnic overlay, but even this succeeds with all its carefully applied patina of pastiche—that on demand can embrace Sullivan or Offenbach.

But it could be a Pyrrhic victory. The form of the musical itself is perhaps not up to the seriousness of the material and the sensitivity and sensibility with which it is presented. Moreover, Weidman's book, while strikingly original, does not always rest happily within the conceptual format of the show—at times it seems as though we are well and truly in the world of Suzie Wong.

Prince's staging uses all the familiar Kabuki tricks—often with voices screeching in the air like lonely sea birds—and stylizations with screens and things, and stagehands all masked in black to make them invisible to the audience.

Like Patricia Birch's choreography, the direction is designed to weld Kabuki with Western forms. For example, the most famous Kabuki dance of all is the lion dance, where the performer swings around his enormous mane while whirling across the stage. Now here this dance, typically, has been given to Commodore Perry. It is this kind of cultural transference that *Pacific Overtures* is basically trading in.

The performances are splendid, once again having to tread this at times uneasily slack tightrope between differing conventions. The leading role, that of a reciter who occasionally plays a part in the action, was brilliantly taken by Mako, and I was also much impressed by a Japanese actor, Isao Sato, as a samurai who has his sword blunted by Western culture.—New York Times News Service.

Silver jubilee for John Pritchard

Nineteen seventy-six will be John Pritchard's twenty-fifth year as a conductor at the Glyndebourne Festival, and his eighth as musical director. To mark the occasion, as his own choice, he will conduct the new production of Verdi's *Falstaff* to open the season. *Falstaff*, which has not been heard at Glyndebourne since 1960, will be designed and produced by Jean-Pierre Ponelle, working both at Glyndebourne and on this particular opera for the first time.

Next year Mr Pritchard will conduct a new production of *Don Giovanni*, working again, as on *Le nozze di Figaro*, with Peter Hall and John Bury.

Dinsdale Landen: when the balloon blows up



Photograph by Warren Harrison

"The remarkable thing about *Plunder* is that it is a very good play. More than that—it's an interesting play", says Dinsdale Landen. He is playing D'Arcy Tuck in the new production tonight of Ben Travers's farce at the National Theatre, almost 50 years since it first appeared as one of the Aldwych string of successes. Tuck is one of those asinine fellows essential to farce, a clown we laugh at, but also like. As Travers himself describes it in the programme, the formula is "Act 2—the sympathetic and guileless hero is landed into the thick of some grievous dilemma or adversity. Act 1—he gets into it. Act 3—he gets out of it". But *Plunder* is a bit different.

"What's so unusual about it is that there is a murder committed." Dinsdale Landen swivels about in his dressing room chair, gestures and voice conveying enthusiasm; it's not necessary to ask if he's enjoying it. "This had never happened before in a farce. It took London by storm. You see, it's a very good thriller as well—it's not just a gag evening. Even if you don't like farce you could still find yourself saying, 'Yes, that's a good, listenable plot'."

This is his first appearance with the National Theatre, although he has been with the Royal Shakespeare in *Suzanna Andler*. He was recently in the West End in *Alphabetical Order* with a particularly joyous creation, an eccentric journalist on a provincial paper. He conveys his humour not just with extraordinary facial expressions (his mouth can open in awe like a crater or smile like a crack in a pie) but with his whole body. Isn't a lot of his comedy very physical?

"Yes, I suppose it is", he admits, rather nervously. "People have started saying that to me recently, but I've never been aware of it until it was pointed out. I don't necessarily say 'I'm going to make this man walk like this'—I suppose my brain contacts my legs—thank God!—and things happen. I certainly don't sit down and say 'I'm going to do funny moves'."

Is getting into costume helpful towards creating character?

"Oh tremendous. I do think about the costume a lot. Before I get it on I dream about it and imagine what I'm going to do with it. Very shortly after rehearsals began I thought 'What am I doing in these jeans? They don't seem right' and immediately I found myself putting on a suit because I needed to. Then the frocks arrived and—well, look", he crosses to the costume rack and pulls out a hanger. "The moment you put on these huge, wide trousers you just *stand* differently. They help a tremendous amount and at once you get the period flavour. They help create comedy too. Take the waistcoat and the watch—I don't normally wear *one* so when you have it on you're aware of it and you use it. Humour takes you over—yes, I do rely a lot on physical aspects of my body because I like the feeling of being in control of it."

This sort of humour must depend heavily on a live audience?

"Of course. I hope I tend not to dive in at the deep end—I don't think any actor does, he comes on slowly, finds out whether they like him or not and then gradually blows his balloon up. I try not to expose myself, I tend not to put too much air into the balloon. I stick to the text—I'm not an ad libber—and hope to create, within the lines, my own physical approach."

And D'Arcy Tuck is a rich character?

"Oh yes, with lots of space to blow up the balloon—but then, there again, not too much, I hope." He laughs at this. "I like an amount of discipline—but comedy, farce, they're very much mathematical problems. They must be worked out *very* carefully before you get in front of the audience. If not it becomes farce upon farce, and that's wrong."

So rehearsals for *Plunder* were not exactly playtime?

"Rehearsals were sheer hell," says the actor with feeling. "I'm sure the audience would never think of it but they were *so* depressing. Nobody ever laughs after the first reading. That is it. You're then into the strict business of timing and trying to work it all out—and Michael Blakemore, the director, has a very big cast to deal with. It becomes an equation we all have to solve for ourselves. There's nothing funny about that."

So the cast must anticipate that first preview audience with trepidation?

"Absolutely. You're not quite sure where the laughter will come. Then, when an ocean of laughs breaks over you—well it's like a drink. It's nectar. It's a process of relaxation into the evening—if they adore it and like you, well, *then it's* marvellous."

In *Plunder* Dinsdale Landen is called on to fall over flat on his back beside the slumbering Dandy Nichols, to leap about the set like a neurotic tree-frog, to smash bits of glass underfoot with a child-like glee, as well as executing numerous entrances and exits with hair-fine timing.

In 1928 Ralph Lynn played D'Arcy Tuck, and not many people in the National's audiences at the Old Vic, or at the Lyttelton Theatre when it moves to the new building in March, will remember that production. But one person does—very well indeed. Ben Travers, the play's 89-year-old author. He was sitting just in front of me during one of the preview performances, unabashedly enjoying his own work. The new D'Arcy Tuck might like to know that his uniquely funny creation came in for not a few happy chortles from that old master farceur.

Michael Leech

The Lady of Larkspur Lotion/The Demolition Downtown

Carnaby Street Theatre

Irving Wardle

The Carnaby Street Theatre (41 Foubert's Place) is a comfortable warehouse-like room with actors working on the floor and spectators lounging on foam-rubber settees. It supplies a raffishly off-Broadway atmosphere for the Anglo-American Studio 68 and their twice-daily Tennessee Williams double bill (1.15 and 7.30).

Some 25 years separate the two plays, though both show Williams in the characteristic act of evicting terrified victims from their place of residence. The first piece, dating back to the '40s, features a pitifully fantasising heroine fighting off the bugs and the landlady in a New Orleans flophouse. *The Demolition Downtown*, announced as a world premiere, likewise presents a group of city dwellers cowering in their apartment while the bulldozers of the revolutionary regime crunch inexorably towards them.

Otherwise, the two pieces present a total contrast. Forecasting Blanche Du Bois, the Lady of the first play belongs to Williams's "little tribe of the lonely and the lost", and is handled with his usual moist-eyed sympathy. But in *The Demolition Downtown* he is dealing with the hard middle-class majority who are experiencing the victim's role for the first time. Trying to keep up appearances, they finish their drinks with shaking hands as the Modiglianis fall off the wall, protesting that they feel "concerned" rather than "disturbed", and planning secret getaways with the last of the petrol. There is no sympathy here: it is a story of cornered rats.

It was a good idea to link the common sound of American urban demolition with a fable of social collapse; but Williams has lost more than he has gained by attaching his private sense of dread to a clear external source. Nobody but Williams could have written the first of the two plays; but *The Demolition Downtown* might be the work of any capable script-writer.

In terms of programme building, the two plays need a strong contrast between shadowy squalor and shiny affluence. This they do not get in Peter Lindsay and Robert Henderson's production which preserves the same dingy flats throughout, hopefully garnished with a little chromium furniture in the second half. The performance misses much of Williams's comedy and keeps the sentimental loud pedal down. But there is some nice nervy work from Norwich Duff and Christine Schofield.

BBC Singers/Leppard

St John's/Radio 3

William Mann

This week we celebrate the tercentenary of Francisco Cavalli's death. Tonight his *Vespers* will be performed at Brompton Oratory: Monday's BBC lunchtime concert at St John's was devoted to shorter sacred works by him. His operas, on which his fame chiefly rests, are often with us though not actually in London this week.

It is curious to reflect that this must be the first time a Cavalli centenary will have been marked by widespread performance of his music. In 1952, the 350th anniversary of his birth, he was no more than a name honoured in history books: it is only in the last decade that his music has become familiar from public performance. A prime mover in the Cavalli revival has been Raymond Leppard, who directed the BBC lunchtime concert, having edited, and in two cases unearthed, the works performed.

One of Mr Leppard's rediscoveries was a setting of Psalm 125, *In Convertendo* for five solo voices and continuo, characteristically brilliant with its striding base and its antiphonal rapid runs for sopranos and tenors, and with a strange chromatic phrase to depict the dreamlike astonishment of the liberated Jews. The *Regina Coeli* caught attention with its typical quick dancing gait as jubilant contrast (*laetare*) to the solemn prayerful music.

Here and in Psalm 122, *Laetatus sum*, a marvellous piece, Mr Leppard aptly contrasted solo voices and ripieno chorus. In some other items the use of massed voices seemed more questionable, for example in the jolly tramping vesper hymn, *Deus tuorum*, where massed tenors and basses suggested a later century's choral style, perhaps also in *Ave maris stella* where, in any case, the vocal writing is of itself less attractive than the instrumental ritornello.

The BBC Singers were in lithe, assured form, giving a fine account of the (convincingly) choral *Salve Regina*, and producing excellent soloists when required. An accompanying string ensemble gave the singers a brief rest during Cavalli's 10-part Canzona for two orchestras, played with rich and vibrant euphony, so rich as to suggest a Straussian sonority. Fewer strings and less vibrato would surely have made the point more cogently.

Frankl/Pauk/Kirshbaum

Queen Elizabeth Hall

Alan Blyth

The Lake of Thun with its glorious view of the Berner Oberland had a beneficent effect on Brahms's writing, to judge from the three successive chamber works that flooded from his pen during his happy summer there in 1886. Although the clouds, both literally and figuratively, may have momentarily cast their shadow across the scene, the mood of all is predominantly mellow, and they made a warmly satisfying whole for the second of the three programmes in the Brahms cycle in progress at the Queen Elizabeth Hall.

As Joan Chissell indicated in her notice of the first concert in the series, Peter Frankl is the linchpin of the group, whether he is playing with one or two other players, and he so obviously enjoys his music-making that he must inspire confidence and form a wonderfully true partner for both strings. As it happens, neither Ralph Kirshbaum in the F major sonata for cello nor György Pauk in the A major for violin quite found his most certain, communicative form in the first movements of the works, and that was when the soundness of the keyboard seemed the most telling, so that when the two glorious slow movements were reached, the respective partnerships could take wing.

In the Adagio of the cello sonata, Mr Kirshbaum paid full attention to the *affetuoso* modification playing it with free, deeply expressive control of nuance, and then going on, with Mr Frankl's admirable support, to match the spontaneity of the finale, one of those movements that seems written in a single breath. A similar feeling permeates the second movement of the violin sonata, where the players as effortlessly combined, as did the composer, the needs of a slow movement and scherzo, although even here Mr Pauk's playing remained a little anonymous.

The C minor trio, opus 101, is perhaps the most difficult of the three pieces to encompass, because the two outer movements are so orchestral in concept. The artists rightly made no concessions, and played them as boldly and arrestingly as they are written.

The two middle movements, where the Swiss summer must have been at its balmiest, were wholly delightful, with a perfect understanding of the new (for Brahms) delicacy of shades in the Scherzo and of the mixed metre in the *slow movement*.

Messiaen in Dublin

The Dublin Festival of twentieth-century music is frank and uncompromising. There is never a note that steps outside the title's context, and the contemporary field reviewed is always as broad as possible. Sometimes the resultant impression has been of a fascinating but disturbingly unrelated pattern, so this year the Music Association of Ireland, whose healthy prodigy the festival is, gave it a centre round which to build by taking a detailed look at one of the most significant figures of our time in Olivier Messiaen. His presence and obviously keen participation has brought distinction and excitement to the *programmes themselves*, and has given Dublin a chance to demonstrate its special kind of welcome; he can not often have been involved in an experience more moving than the standing ovation at the end of his Turangalila Symphony which closed the festival at St Francis Xavier Hall on Saturday.

Earlier in the week there had been Yvonne Loriod's dazzling playing of the wonderfully detailed imagery that goes to make up *La Fauvette des Jardins* and of extracts from the *Vingt Regards*; there had been cause to admire, too, the ease with which the excellent Radio Telefis Eireann Singers had slipped into the idiom of *Cinq Rechants*. To all this the Turangalila Symphony was the logical climax, particularly so since the Radio Telefis Eireann Symphony Orchestra produced playing that positively radiated dedication and conscientious preparation, and Albert Rosen's conducting coupled a flair for the exotic with a disciplined control of the widespread forces.

So the festival ended on a high note. It had started on one, too. For those who believe that the home product does not have to put on an anonymous mask, and that it should be possible for something specifically Irish to be created in an idiom which also happens to be specifically contemporary Seoirse Bodley's sensitively composed *A Small White Cloud Drifts Over Ireland* was a notable step forward. In a quietly contemplative spirit of distant observation, it mixes fragments which appear to have a traditional Irish flavour with cluster chords and abstract shapes to a subtly evocative effect. Prionnsais Ó Dunn conducted the RTESO in a performance which captured the work's inner content imaginatively.

In a land where eloquence is part of the national character, a response to the prompting of words among the composers is natural. It showed regularly in the new works heard in the majestic Examination Hall of Trinity College. Philip Edmundson's *Merciles Beaute*, awarded the Varming Prize, is a clearcut setting of Chaucer for soprano, while Jane O'Leary's *Begin* for flute and choir using verses by Brendan Kennelly shows some skill in using a limpid woodwind sound to sustain the mood of poetry between *separate stanzas*. Eric Sweeney's *Variations for Wind Quintet* were formed neatly.

Kenneth Loveland

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Munster 13 Australians 15

The difference between two goal kicks enabled the Australians to scrape home against Munster at Musgrave Park, Cork, yesterday by a goal and three penalty goals to a try, a dropped goal and two penalty goals. When the Australians took the lead for the first time five minutes from the end of the stipulated 80, their full back, McLean, converted from beside the touchline.

In sad contrast, Munster seemed to have earned a well deserved draw in the fourth minute of injury time, scoring a try midway to the posts. But Ward hooked his kick wide of the far upright. It was a severe ordeal for a youngster making his first representative appearance, but he had landed three excellent goals previously and failure with the most vital kick came as a sharp disappointment.

Even then the Australians were not allowed to celebrate their escape without suffering further travail. Mr Hughes, the English referee, clearly misjudged the time. Having given a generous allowance of 46 minutes in the first half for injuries, he stretched the second to 50.

There were few stoppages in the second half, except for the innumerable penalties awarded. During the extra allowance after their try, Munster came close to winning the match on two occasions but their stamina did not equal their competitive spirit.

As on many previous occasions during their tour the Australians were deeply indebted to McLean for gaining their second narrow victory over an Irish province. Not only did he field every variety of kick with skill and icy coolness, but he covered and tackled in masterly fashion and split the Munster defence with a run of 50 yards to set up the try for Weatherstone.

Apart from an invaluable conversion from the most difficult angle, one of his three penalty goals was kicked from the halfway line. He was much the outstanding player in an otherwise indifferent team. Although Hauser passed quickly and accurately, the departure from the scene of Hipwell, the tour captain and scrum half, through injury has led to tactical deficiencies.

Weatherstone was never more than a link at stand-off half, yet the passing was sufficiently well-timed on a firm surface to give the strong wings many scoring chances had G. Shaw not held up the flow of attack. Time after time when there seemed to be overlaps from broken play, Shaw tried to bulldoze a passage with the idea of enabling his forwards to gain secondary phase possession. Never were such tactics less rewarding.

The Munster defence stood firm against any thrusts down the middle but might well have been outflanked had Ryan and Monaghan been served with any frequency. As it was they scracely saw the ball from start to finish. Indeed, it was odd and against tradition on these occasions to see Munster spin the ball from scrum half to either wing, but they lacked the thrust in midfield or the pace on the wings to beat vigilant covering.

The forwards, however, lived up to past performances by this province against overseas tourists. They hunted the ball like a pack of greyhounds and continually snuffed out Australian efforts to open up handling attacks.

Ward had a highly encouraging start when he landed a penalty goal from 28 yards in the first minute but McLean equalised with an equally well-struck shot eight minutes later. However, Ward then struck twice in succession with his second penalty goal in the 15th minute and a splendid 40 yard dropped goal in the 38th minute. McLean replied two minutes later and in the fourth minute of the second half equalised with his effort from halfway.

That was all the scoring, although several penalty shots on both sides were missed, until McLean made his brilliant jinking run down the middle to send Weatherstone over at the corner. The Munster try came after a furious assault by the forwards who forced a line-out a yard from the line. Deering caught the long throw-in and dived over for a try but, alas, the conversion was off target.

MUNSTER: L. Moloney (Garryowen); B. Smith (Cork Constination), S. Donnilson (Garryowen), P. Lavery (London Irish); A. Parfrey (UC Cork); A. Ward (Garryowen), D. Canniffe (Lansdowne); G. McLoughlin (Shannon), P. Whelan (Garryowen), P. O'Callaghan (Dolphin), M. Keane (Lansdowne), E. Molloy (Garryowen), N. Elliott (Dolphin), B. Foley (Shannon), S. Deering (Garryowen, captain).

AUSTRALIANS: P. McLean; L. Monaghan, J. Berne, G. Shaw (captain), J. Ryan; J. Weatherstone, R. Hauser, J. Meadows, C. Carberry, R. Graham, G. Fay, R. Smith, G. Cornelsen, M. Loane, A. Shaw.

Referee: P. E. Hughes (England).



Ryan's run comes to an abrupt end at Parfrey's feet.

Football

FA may buy Bricket Wood site for £2m

The Football Association is to carry out the fullest possible survey of a 190-acre site in Hertfordshire which could eventually become the national football coaching centre, as well as the site for England training.

The FA council visited the site, at Bricket Wood, on Monday, accompanied by the secretary Ted Croker, the director of coaching, Alan Wade, and the England team manager, Don Revie. "We were all terribly impressed by what we saw", Mr Croker said. "The facilities are superb, although some such as the swimming pool are not what we really need, so we could, if we buy it, have to involve other sporting bodies. The situation, just off the M1, is magnificent. It is ideally placed for people coming from all parts of the country", he added.

It is believed the FA will have to pay around £2m for the site, Ambassador College, which was previously the headquarters of an American religious sect. The property includes football pitches, a gymnasium, squash and tennis courts, a swimming pool and administration offices and accommodation.

Should the FA decide to buy the site, which now seems likely, they would have to sell the Annesley Hall site near Nottingham which was purchased some time ago as a possible site for the national coaching centre.

Staniforth and McAnearney are dismissed

Sheffield Wednesday yesterday sacked two coaches, James McAnearney and Ronald Staniforth, for "financial reasons". Both are former players with the club.

McAnearney, the reserve team coach, has been with Sheffield Wednesday 17 months and is thought to be interested in the vacancy at Scunthorpe, whose manager, Dick Rooks, was recently sacked. Staniforth, a former chief coach, has been in charge of the youth side recently. He joined the coaching staff in 1971.

Four officials have now been sacked since the arrival of the manager, Let Ashurst, last October. Later the same month, John Haseldon, a physiotherapist and George McCabe, a youth officer, were dismissed also for financial reasons.

The draw for the fifth round of the FA Challenge Vase, made in London yesterday, is:

Leeds Ashley Road or Wythenshawe Amateurs v Friar Lane Old Boys; Stamford v Prescot Town; Bridgnorth Town v South Shields; Billericay Town v Hungerford Town; Cadbury Heath v Molesey; Barton Rovers v Eastbourne Town; Addlestone v Abingdon Town; Farnborough Town v Bracknell Town. Ties to be played on January 31 (kick-off 2 pm).

Just the ticket at Peterborough

Peterborough supporters began queueing at 3 am yesterday, six hours before tickets for the fourth round FA Cup visit to Manchester United, on Saturday week, went on sale.

A crowd estimated at 1,000 was waiting outside the ground when sales started and the club's allocation of nearly 5,000 stand seats was snapped up within an hour. All 500 seats on a special train chartered by the club were sold in 45 minutes.

Tottenham have the confidence to win

Tottenham Hotspur, the team which Terry Neill seemingly has brought back from the dead, go into tonight's League Cup semi-final first leg meeting with Newcastle United bursting with confidence following their fine win at Derby on Saturday.

Four months ago it would have been farcical to suggest they might be within sight of a major trophy. Bill Nicholson had gone, the glory days had disappeared and after escaping relegation by a single point last season, Spurs had collected just four points from their opening seven games.

The signing of the big Aberdeen's defender, Willie Young, looked like a gamble of desperation by Mr Neill. In fact, it proved a turning point.

Young's massive presence in the defence, coupled with a return to form of Neill's other Scottish signing, John Duncan, has enabled Spurs to take 19 points from the past 18 games and climb towards mid-table respectability.

Neill knows his squad is still a long way from the heights of previous Spurs sides and that the brilliance of Pat Jennings in goal has won a third of those points, but the confidence of the team is such that they face Newcastle at White Hart Lane feeling they have a good chance of victory.

Newcastle, who answered recent criticism that they are a dull, defensive side by thrashing Everton 5—0 on Saturday, have the highest scoring front line in the first division. Seventeen of their League and Cup goals have come from the former Manchester United player, Alan Gowling, and, despite a recent quiet spell, Malcolm Macdonald has a dozen to his credit.

Newcastle, too, have an unsung hero in their goalkeeper, Mahoney, while the Scottish Under-23 captain Craig provides great drive from midfield.

Much will depend on the ability of Young and Osgood to hold Macdonald and Gowling, but the crucial battle could be between Craig and the equally determined John Pratt in midfield.

Tottenham expect to be unchanged, while Newcastle's former Ipswich defender, Keeley, stands by in case a recent groin injury forces Craig to make a late withdrawal.

Stoke City are to remove the roof of their Butler Street stand which was badly damaged by gales last week and supporters will have to spend the rest of the season watching matches in the open air.

Part of the roof collapsed last Wednesday and despite efforts to repair it the club have now been advised by builders that it will all have to come off as a safety precaution.

Saturday's match against Middlesbrough will now be played at Port Vale's ground (3.0). The Football League gave their approval yesterday.

Liverpool's championship hopes received a setback today when they learnt that they are likely to be without their midfield player, Peter Cormack for about two months. Cormack aggravated a knee injury after scoring the winning goal against Manchester City on December 27 and goes into hospital today for a cartilage operation.

West Ham United and Queen's Park Rangers, both out of the FA Cup, will now meet in a first division game at Upton Park on January 24, the date of the fourth round ties. Tickets for the game will be on sale at Upton Park from 10 am on January 20.

Today's fixtures

LEAGUE CUP
Semi-final
Tottenham v Newcastle (7.30)
Third division
Peterborough v Colchester (7.30)
Fourth division
Bradford C v Workington (7.30)
Scottish Cup
Second round replays
Glasgow Univ v Albion R (2.0)
Brechin v Stenhousemuir (1.30)
Rugby Union
REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: United Banks v Middlesex (Bank of England Ground, Roehampton, 2.30); Civil Service v R.A.F. (Chiswick, 2.30); Bath v Royal Navy (2.30).
HOCKEY: London League: London University v Spencer (Motspur Park, 2.30).

A controversial career which is to follow the path of migration to an American club

A decision in the best interests of Marsh

By Gerry Harrison

After three months of wintry discontent, Rodney Marsh flies to Jamaica tomorrow night out of English League football for good and into the game's New World, not confident he is doing the right thing. "But I'm doing the only thing possible. And I'm determined to make a success of it", he said with as much of the old Marsh panache as he could muster.

On Saturday he will play a friendly game for his new club, Tampa Bay Rowdies, for whom he signed a four-year contract worth £150,000 earlier this week. The North American League club paid Manchester City a fee of some £40,000. "I'm the first player they have paid a transfer fee for", said Marsh. "The match in Jamaica is against the Haiti national side. Then I shall come back here to tidy up the loose ends in England. I must be in America on March 1 for an indoor tournament. Then I'll be in there at the deep end."

Marsh, who is 31, and played nine times for England, is the biggest export from British to American football so far, a current first division player as well as the club's captain until Manchester City decided to part with him.

George Best, who is unlikely to regain either appetite or fitness for league football, will probably soon follow him. Bobby Moore has already had talks with the owner of Tampa Bay Rowdies. Other American clubs have approached Fulham, testing the ground for the availability of the former England captain.

More than 70 football league players spent last summer in the United States on loan to American clubs, joining such personalities as Pele and Eusebio, who are appearing regularly in New York. But next summer's migration is likely to be less busy because some of the American clubs refuse to allow the players to return in time for the start of the league season. Hitherto, the arrangements were on a personal basis. Now, as the game and demand develops, transfers will become more businesslike.

"The facilities and set up in Florida seem marvellous", said Marsh. "The big question mark is whether they can raise the standard and I'd like to think I might be able to help. I shall be there six months of the year and take my family with me. Then I'll come back here and begin perhaps a new style, becoming a freelance player.

"At the moment I won't be able to play in league football but there seem to be a growing number of opportunities outside. It would be nice if the Football League changed their rules. They're so worried about setting a precedent that the arrangement to go on loan to Crystal Palace fell through. I'm not hoping to play again in the Football League but you never know what might happen in four years."

After Tony Book, Manchester City's manager, decided in October that Marsh would not play for the first team again, negotiations for his services came fast but not as thick as either club or player hoped. Anderlecht in Belgium backed out because they claimed Marsh's demands were excessive. Marsh himself was not happy about moving to a strange atmosphere.

Aston Villa would not and Crystal Palace and Fulham could not pay the fee City asked. The London clubs' cunning scheme to rent Marsh from an American club, at £350 a week in Palace's case, fell flat because the Football League decided that "it was not in the best interests of the game".

The door into European football has been reopened by Peter Anderson, who recently went from Luton Town to Royal Antwerp for £50,000. After the rush to Italy, led with distinction by John Charles and Gerry Hitchens who adapted and stayed, followed by Law, Greaves and Baker, who did not adapt and left hurriedly, there has been little movement across the Channel.

Anderson, a qualified accountant, who was brought out of Isthmian League football, is the type of individual who will readjust more successfully to a continental environment. "Within five years", said Alan Hardaker, the secretary of the Football League, "traffic will be flowing freely both ways." Not, however, if the authorities invoke clauses about such movement not being in the best interests of the game.

"The game in the United States could develop fast", said Marsh. "It's at a turning point and the next four years or so will decide whether it's ever going to make it." In the light of three months' depressing unemployment, I asked him if he would change the way he had directed his controversial career. "Never", he said. "I'll never change. You must be your own man." And with a wave he reversed his car at speed past the no exit sign and was gone.

When the kissing may—and should—stop

By Geoffrey Green
Football Correspondent

Footballers who kiss and cuddle and make gestures to the crowd after scoring a goal could be in trouble if a recommendation of the FA match and ground committee is accepted. The proposal, put to the executive and disciplinary committee, states that players who act in such a way should be charged with bringing the game into disrepute.

We all tend to fall into bad habits—by habit. With endless repetition we take matters for granted. This has been the case of the embracing footballer. Once upon a time it was never so. A few congratulatory pats on the back by his colleagues was all that the scorer of a goal once received in salute.

In the last 20 years or so, however, the fashion of hugging, squeezing and even kissing to excess the hero of the moment has grown to nauseating proportions—nauseating, that is, to people who have been able to stand back from events and avoided being brainwashed into accepting such events as part of an overall pattern. Schoolmasters in general and those who take part in the annual old boys competition for the Arthur Dunn Cup in particular, have always been highly critical, rightly so, of these gross antics.

Sadly television—no doubt unconsciously or because it was unavoidable—has helped to highlight such moments of exaggerated euphoria in slow-motion playback and endless repetition the goal of the hour, the goal of the day, the month, the year, the century and so on. There is no end to it.

Certainly not all sides are prey to these excesses when players run 30 and 40 yards to leap upon an already rising mass of bodies. The England team, Liverpool, Derby County and Leeds United, one has noticed, generally try to keep their celebrations within reasonable bounds.

It might detract from the thrill of the moment should everyone be reduced to a cold-blooded, distant acceptance of a feat. After all, players do feel a tingle of joy as they become involved in the excitement of a match. But enough is enough, and too often the boundaries are overstepped, particularly with the provoking habit of directing hand signals—in the manner of Harvey Smith—at sections of the crowd.

This can help to inflame tempers. The FA are right to attempt to curb these habits to acceptable proportions. I believe it is something the British footballer learned from the foreigner. I remember a semi-final match between Uruguay and Hungary in the World Cup of 1954 when Hohberg, the South American centre forward, scored two goals in the last 10 minutes to bring the match level at 2—2.

He was leapt upon so enthusiastically by his colleagues in their wild excitement that they succeeded in putting him out of extra time with an injury to his back. From those days has the present developed. As someone has suggested, perhaps one answer might be, in this age of sex discrimination, to have teams half of men and half of women.

Shedden casts his shadow again

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

Following a home defeat by France in their first championship match, there is small comfort for Scotland in the knowledge that their next encounter will be against the champions, Wales, in Cardiff, on February 7. They have not won there since 1962, and, on the evidence of their performances against Australia and France, only the most optimistic of their supporters would back them to do so next month.

It is not in the nature of Scottish selectors to make wholesale changes, but there surely must be one at full back, where Bruce Hay last Saturday had the sort of harrowing experience that must have destroyed the confidence of those in front of him and perhaps affected his own for future occasions. The Scottish experiment with Andy Irvine on a wing, after his success there in two internationals for the Lions in South Africa, now seems due to be put under wraps.

Irvine may not be the soundest full back in the world, but most rugby men would agree, I think, that this position offers greater scope for his spectacular gift as a runner. His return there could entail another appearance for David Shedden, of West Scotland, who played in six internationals in the 1972-73 season. I hear that at the age of 31 he is revealing the best form of his career. He won his caps on the left wing, a position in which he usually plays for his club, but Dick is the man in possession there for Scotland, and Shedden is the sort of versatile performer who can grace the other flank.

There may be suggestions for the introduction of Alastair Cranston at centre, for the moving of Ian McGeechan to stand-off half, and for the longer pass of Alan Lawson at scrum half. But McGeechan's defence and attacking finesse are invaluable in the middle, and Douglas Morgan is a versatile scrum half with two good internationals against Gareth Edwards to his credit.

The resilience of Australian scrummaging at Murrayfield, and the advantage the French forwards won in the second half last Saturday, inevitably prompt questions about an area of supposed Scottish strength. McHaig was superb against France in his coverage of the Murrayfield acreage, but the way things went after the interval there are bound to be suggestions that Scotland needed most of his energies at scrummage and lineout. Another will be that Gordon Brown is not quite the same force in the boiler house this season.

As to the lineout, the Scottish forwards were not helped much last week by Madsen's throwing in—on an admittedly windy and difficult afternoon. The French jumpers, notably Bastiat, often seemed to be getting in front of their opponents and then making the most of it.

Ian Barnes and Alan Tomes are knocking on the door at lock, as is James Aitken at loose-head prop, but it still would not be surprising if the selectors stuck by their vaunted front five in Cardiff, and so offered them the chance of a joint reprieve.

They may be anxious, however, to bring back Michael Biggar on a flank. He knocks opponents over, cleans up well and mauls strongly. The selectors could move David Leslie back to No 8, leaving out George Mackie, who faded against France. Mackie however, could be more useful there in the lineout against Mervyn Davies. I thought Leslie went well in the French match. I saw less of Wilson Lauder—which is not necessarily to condemn him.

The one man who almost did it all

By Gordon Allan
King's College 19 St Thomas's 6

St Thomas's have a long and honourable record in the Hospitals Cup rugby competition, but at Honor Oak Park yesterday they were knocked out in the first round for the fourth consecutive year. King's College won by two goals, a penalty goal and a try to two penalty goals, and qualified to meet the holders, Westminster, at St George's Ground, Wimbledon, on January 27.

Wood, with a minimum of pomp and circumstance, kicked two penalties for St Thomas's in the first five minutes and for most of the first half it was St Thomas's who looked the liklier winners, in spite of hardship in the front row, where Campbell put Whitcomb up in the air with comical regularity. Child (back in St Thomas's side after a three-year absence) and O'Malley almost engineered a try for them, but they could make no more progress. McFarland kicked a penalty for King's to make the score 6-3 at the interval, and the second half was a story of almost uninterrupted pressure by King's, with their forwards winning a great deal of valuable possession at the loose scrummages, and McFarland running and kicking incisively from scrum half.

McFarland scored 15 points and, to rub it in, made the break for King's first try. This was scored in the corner by Parkin, when McFarland burst through two or three tackles on the blind side of a maul. Jackson wasted a chance for King's when he tried to reach St Thomas's line on his own instead of passing to Parkin, who was unmarked. But 10 minutes before the end McFarland made victory certain with a try on the blind side of a maul and converted it from the touchline.

Nor was McFarland finished. In the last five minutes he scored and converted another try, this time between the posts, after Field had picked up the ball at a set scrummage. That was the end of St Thomas's until next season. Their best back, Bazalgette, the Rosslyn Park centre three-quarter, could not play because of injury, but it is dubious whether he would have made much difference. One man, however good, cannot do it all, even in the Hospitals Cup.

KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL: P. Board; Parkin, N. Jackson, L. O'Hara, D. Roberts-Harry, G. Pugh, P. McFarland; S. Campbell, A. Sainsbury, J. Victor, D. Norman, A. Dott, J. Evans, Field, J. Anthony.

ST THOMAS'S HOSPITAL: R. Insall; S. O'Malley, J. Mellor, J. Taylor, M. Holme; D. Child, E. Himsouse; I. Michael, G. Tarperton, R. Whitcomb, A. Quayle, J. Fishwick, S. Carter, D. Wood, R. Sellar.

Referee: R. Howard (London).

Charing Cross fail to silence disbelievers

By Peter Marson
Charing Cross 19 Royal Free 9

A new chapter in the annals of Hospitals Cup rugby was begun on University College Hospital's ground at Mill Hill yesterday, where a contest spilling over with customary vigour and enthusiasm was won by Charing Cross Hospital by two goals, a try and a penalty goal, to three penalty goals.

Charing Cross were the better side, but, having established their superiority, they were haphazard and slow in their efforts to gather in the points that would have silenced disbelievers. They will, however, have to bring some order and method into their game and make fewer mistakes if they hope to bring down St Mary's Hospital, their next opponents in the second round.

Royal Free, a game, spirited adversary, overcame many of their problems, but were utterly at a loss when it came to finishing. Their forwards worked tirelessly, and McLaren, the captain and scrum-half, plied his partner with a stream of passes. Yet, McManus failed to get his line going forward and, as the centres ran across, so the ball usually ended up in the wing's arms with the wing himself in the arms, and sometimes the legs, of a frenzied band of partisans chanting along the touchlines.

Charing Cross did not have that problem for their centres, Alderson and Scourfield, usually ran straight and with determination. It might have been that Charing Cross would have accomplished more had Hurley at stand-off half not suffered a hamstring injury shortly after the start. He was sufficiently handicapped to pay a visit to the back row of the scrummage before departing for good to the wing, there to do duty on the short side of the set scrummages and lineouts. Thus, Lavender had a busy afternoon darting from the right flank to the left and in the second half he was rewarded with a try.

Charing Cross led at half time by 9—6. Hurley began with a straight penalty goal from 35 yards, and an excellent round of passing from a ruck on the left flank produced a try for Boog-Scott on the right, and this was splendidly converted by Regan. In the meantime, McLaren had done well to kick two penalty goals. In the second period Regan and Alderson made the running for a try by Lavender, and O'Connell skipped to the blind side of a scrummage to send in Stewart for the third try. At the other end McLaren lanced his third penalty goal.

CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL: T. Boog-Scott; M. Lavender, D. Alderson, A. Scourfield, M. Regan; P. Hurley, M. O'Connell; D. Westley, A. John, N. King (captain), J. Primavesi, G. Kelly, I. Strachan, R. Grey, R. Stewart.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL: P. Yellowlees; C. Gowrie, W. McFadzean, J. Collomosse, A. Platts, F. McManus, M. McLaren (captain); R. Lawrenson, J. Watkinson, C. Todd, D. Meares, A. Doble, H. Stephens, S. Robertson, M. Fox.

Referee: D. Herriott (London).

Doble dropped for first time in his career

Moseley have dropped Sam Doble, a former England full back, for the first time in his career from the team to play Sale at home on Friday (7.30). Doble has not been in form with his goal-kicking for the last six games and he missed six kicks in Moseley's defeat by Northampton last Saturday. Richard Akenhead replaces him.

Derek Everest, a former Coventry player, returns to first-class Rugby after an absence of more than a season. When Martin Cooper was moved to stand-off half for Moseley last year Everest returned to junior rugby, but, with Cooper playing for England, he comes back at the age of 31.

David Llewelyn is to make his first senior appearance for almost two seasons for London Welsh against Cardiff at Old Deer Park on Saturday (11.0). He replaces J. P. R. Williams, on duty for Wales, in the only change from the side which defeated Bath last Saturday.

Timothy Rutter, the regular centre for Harlequins, returns in place of David Cooke, who is England's reserve. Harlequins, who have scored 40 points in their last three games, play at Birkenhead Park on Saturday.

For their home game against Gosforth on Saturday (11.0), Richmond bring back four players who were not available last weekend. Whibley, McGrath, Boddy and Dickenson return at full back, wing, hooker and prop respectively. James comes in at lock for Humphries, who is dropped.

Rosslyn Park have Stefan James on the flank for the first time this season when they play Aberavon on Saturday (11.0) at Roehampton.

Yachting

Anderson wins as leader loses partner

Perth, Jan 13.—Ian Anderson, an Australian, picked up a strong southerly breeze on the final windward leg to win the second heat of the world Hornet yacht championship here today.

Anderson and his partner, John Prott, rounded the last mark one minute and 25 seconds behind Peter Chappell, also of Australia. But Chappell then lost his partner, Terence Yale, overboard and finished in second place eight seconds behind Anderson.

The three British yachtsmen taking part were disappointed with the heavy weather conditions and are hoping for light winds in the third heat tomorrow morning.

RESULTS: 1, I. Anderson, Alinette; 2, P. Chappell, Nereus; 3, D. Nicholson (GB), Wimpy Mariner; 4, P. Jarman, Kirsch; 5, G. Hill, Canned Heat; 6, R. Herve (GB), Revolution; 7, G. Baron-Hay (NZ), Yahwang; 8, P. Gilsenan, Little Alpha. Leading placings: 1, P. Chappell, 3 pts; 2, I. Anderson, 8; 3, D. Nicholson, 11.4.—Reuter.

Sydney, Jan 13.—Prince Alfred, of Australia, led May Be X, of Sweden, by two wins to one after the third heat in the yachting Challenge Trophy here on Tuesday. The victory by Prince Alfred, skippered by David Forbes, makes the task of Patric Fredell, the Swedish skipper, more difficult.

The seven-race series will decide the challenger to meet the American defender, St Francis, on January 22.

Rugby League

Leeds offer club record fee for Bridges

Leeds Rugby League Club yesterday made a club record offer of £15,000 for Keith Bridges, the Featherstone and Great Britain hooker. Bridges was rated the world's best hooker in the recent Rugby League world championship series. Featherstone will consider the offer tonight.

Wigan have transferred their international forward, Robinson, back to Swinton for a fee believed to be less than £2,000, Robinson, a former Great Britain loose forward, went to Wigan for £10,000 in January, 1970, which at that time was the largest fee the club had paid for a player. Recently Robinson has been heavily committed to his business interests and he has not played for Wigan this season.

St Helen's have rearranged two postponed league games. They will be at home to Swinton on Tuesday, January 20 (7.30), and to Dewsbury on Friday, April 9 (7.30). The Dewsbury v St Helens first division match, originally fixed for February 1, has been brought forward to January 31 (7.30), because it is the BBC television match.

Cricket

Two English and Australian sides of old

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Sydney, January 13

Cricket in Australia is booming, more than for many years. Sponsors, players and caterers are all cashing in and so are those people who enjoy choosing teams from various eras. Over 40,000 people responded to a competition run recently in a Sydney newspaper to pick the best Australian side of the last 30 years.

Sir Donald Bradman had set the ball rolling by choosing his own team from among those who have played for Australia since the war. He was asked to do so on the understanding that he himself should be captain and bat at No 3. Now Bill O'Reilly, a staunch defender of times past, has picked his post-war England team, introducing it by saying that "our Australian ego is in for a nasty bump".

Although Bradman rates O'Reilly as the greatest bowler he ever saw, he omits him on the grounds that by March, 1946, when he played his only post-war Test match, he was past his best. I doubt whether the New Zealand batsmen would agree (O'Reilly's figures for the match were eight for 33) but he was over 40 by then and had retired by the time MCC came to Australia later the same year.

Bradman's side, in batting order, is: Morris, Simpson, Bradman, Harvey, L. Chappell, G. Chappell, Miller, Benaud, Davidson, Lindwall and TaBou. Two omissions caused the most controversy. One was Hassett (Bradman's twelfth man), the other Barnes.

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Hassett would have had to come in for one of the Chappells and Barnes for Simpson, whose slip catching swung it his way. The duels between O'Reilly, in his prime, and Hassett provided some magnificent cricket—the "tiger" as O'Reilly was known, against one of the smallest top class batsmen there has ever been.

When Hassett named O'Reilly, or twisted his tale, there was something of an Aesop fable about it. Today they are the closest friends, a formidable pair as they take their morning glass of beer together, and O'Reilly would never think of choosing an Australian side without Hassett, any more than, until a year ago, Bradman would have picked a side containing only one genuine spinner.

The last MCC tour of Australia started in Adelaide where Bradman lives. Watching their battery of fast bowlers in the nets one day, he asked when the leg spinner was going to come back into English cricket. "No Australian side is complete without one," he said. Yet of the last 14 sides to play for Australia, only three have contained a specialist leg break bowler.

Of the 121 wickets to be taken by the bowlers of both sides in the present series, no more than 19 have gone to spin and the faster bowlers have bowled three and a half overs to every one by the spinners. As, no doubt, a reluctant concession to this modern trend, Bradman's side contains only Benaud to bowl more than an occasional over of spin.

The best of those Australians who played all their cricket after the war not to have found a place are Lawry (only Bradman, Harvey and Ian Chappell have made more Test hundreds for Australia) Walters, O'Neill, McKenzie and Bill Johnston, as well as the two destroyers of today, Thomson and Lillee. By all and sundry Ray Lindwall, now a Brisbane florist, is ranked as the greatest of the fast bowlers. For his fielding Sheahan would have been the best twelfth man had Bradman not wanted to pay a compliment to Hassett.

More good players had to be excluded from O'Reilly's England side than from Bradman's Australian 12. O'Reilly chose Hutton, Washbrook, Hammond, Cowdrey, Compton, May, Knott, Bedser, Tyson, Trueman and Laker, with Statham as twelfth man. The tail is much longer than Australia's, which points to England's perennial lack of all-rounders, but one could find a stronger second England team than a second Australian team. I am thinking of Barrington (20 Test hundreds), Boycott, Dexter, Graveney, two Edriches, Bailey, Titmus, Wardle, Appleyard, Lock, Snow, Statham and Evans, who must have been close to selection.

With Bedser in O'Reilly's side, I would have had Evans to keep wicket rather than Knott. The most consistently brilliant wicket-keeping I ever saw was by Evans, here in Australia in 1950-51, when he was standing up to Bedser and making the most breathtaking leg-side catches and stumpings. Knott has no superiors standing back, but even in that Evans was as good. First among equals is rather as I see Evans's position here.

If Hammond is accepted, like Bradman, more for what he did before the war than after it, the two marginal choices are Washbrook and Tyson. It is for what he did to Australia in Australia that Tyson is so greatly respected by O'Reilly but he could never have done it without Statham at the other end, and in England Statham was much the better bowler. Washbrook is remembered here for the success he had against Lindwall and Miller at their best. Boycott is rejected, as O'Reilly says, "because of his troubles against Lillee two years ago".

Of Bradman's 12 Australians, nine had the captaincy in one or more Tests (Bradman, Simpson, Morris, Harvey, the two Chappells, Benaud, Lindwall and Hassett). Of O'Reilly's 12, four did so—Hutton, Hammond, Cowdrey and May. Each side would be captained by one of cricket's half a dozen knights. If Hutton is asked to lead England for having, as England's captain, won the Ashes in Australia. Of the two teams all are alive except for the great Wally Hammond, who died in Durban in 1965.

Hutton, Washbrook, May and Bedser, for England, and Bradman and Harvey, for Australia, have been selectors. Davidson and Morris are both influential figures at the Sydney cricket ground and Simpson still heads the batting averages in Sydney's first grade cricket. The best side from all the 22 players? To decide on that, we shall need a rainy day.

Rain stops the flow of West Indian runs

Canberra, Jan 13.—Bad weather denied the West Indians valuable match practice on the opening day of their match against Southern New South Wales here today. The West Indians displayed scintillating form in scoring 123 runs for the loss of one wicket in the 110 minutes before lunch.

They were then forced to sit and watch as rain fell steadily for the rest of the day. After Gordon Greenidge heartened the selectors with a confident 34, Vivian Richards and Lawrence Rowe figured in an unbeaten partnership of 64 in 55 minutes.

The only problem for the touring team occurred in practice before the match had started. David Murray, the reserve wicketkeeper, was hit over the right eye with a ball and was taken to hospital where three stitches were inserted in a gash.

Kerrie Owen, the captain of Southern New South Wales, won the toss and asked the West Indians to bat under grey skies. Greenidge, who has a total of 11 runs from four innings, began cautiously but soon opened up against the easy-paced local bowling.

He took no chances against the new ball and, indeed, his first mistake occurred when he was bowled by the medium pace of Alan Watchmin. Greenidge and Richards put on 50 in 49 minutes in a stand worth 59, with Greenidge outstanding for his timing and power.

The 100 took only 91 minutes as Owen tried different bowling combinations in an attempt to stop the flow of runs. Richards and Rowe each hit three boundaries but on many occasions the damp outfield stopped the ball a few feet from the fence.

Richards was one run short of his 50 at lunch and Rowe, who hit 101 against Northern New South Wales on Sunday, was 36 not out and looked set for another century.—Reuter.

CANBERRA: West Indians 123 for 1 (I. V. A. Richards 49, not out) v Southern New South Wales.

Tennis

Robinson gains his first cap against Spain

Martin Robinson, 20, from Bolton, gains his first full senior international cap by playing for Britain against Spain in the King's Cup tennis series which begins at Sunderland on Friday.

The other members of the team will be John Lloyd and Christopher Mottram, who had been contracted to play in every match, both home and away.

They will be joined by Roger Taylor, Britain's No. 3, who will participate in all the away matches but will only take part in one or two of the home games because of tax problems which keep him out of Britain.

Taylor now lives in Portugal. Britain's top player, Mark Cox, who is contracted by World Championship Tennis, hopes to take part in three matches in the series, two of them in Edinburgh and the other in Spain.

Paul Hutchins, the British team manager, said that Lloyd and Mottram will each receive between £375 and £500 per match, but the third man of the team will earn a smaller fee. "If anybody thinks that they are being highly paid let me say that they could probably earn far more by playing in tournaments. They have contracted to play exclusively in King's Cup which will last until the first week of March."

The country winning the 14-match series—seven at home and seven away—will receive a prize of 30,000 dollars and Mr Hutchins said that if Britain enters the prize list most of the money would go to the players.

Rain affects Davis Cup

Auckland, Jan 13.—Rain is threatening to affect the eastern zone Davis Cup semi-final round match between New Zealand and India, scheduled to begin here on Friday. Vijay and Anand Amritraj, of India, arrived here yesterday and have practiced indoors but they have been unable to play outdoors because it has been raining steadily for several days.—Reuter.

Gloss at Ascot

Gloss, a smart miler when trained on the flat is among the four-day declarations for the second division of the Durdham Ranger Novices' Hurdle at Ascot on Saturday. The six-year-old is now with Mrs Rosemary Lomax.

Floating Pound backed

Floating Pound is 7-2 favourite with William Hill for the Embassy Premier Steeplechase final at Haydock Park on Saturday week. Other prices: 5-1 Davy Lad, Fort Fox, 8-1 Cancello, Exhibit B, Village Slave, 14-1 others.

PORT

acing

Two old rivals have big hand at Kelso

Jim Snow

Two old sparring partners and ends, Arthur Stephenson and n Oliver, will be in the ring lay at Kelso facing each other three of the six races. Between m in the past five seasons they e won 73 races, 48 going to phenson and 25 to Oliver. At s most popular left-hand course, h its exceptionally long run of 440 yards, exactly the same that at Haydock Park, they e a firm grip, and for many , basic principle is to follow Stephenson and Oliver horses h blind faith.

There will not be many long ce winners but on the other nd they will incur no serious ses, and as often as not the y's expenses are paid with per- ps a little left over. And at es there are pleasant surprises the thick and thin followers the two stables, as happened Kelso's last meeting three eks ago. Tommy Stack brought a treble for Stephenson on ancing Ned, Cumbria, and gent's Choice. The prices were spectively 3-1, 9-4 and 7-1, and e winner Ken Oliver saddled, ugo Duncan, started at 9-2. It ll be a long time before such nerous odds are available for inners from these two powerful ables.

In today's opening race, the ldstream Novices' Hurdle, Arthur Stephenson left in three at the four-day acceptance stage, and he relies on Sunlit Spar. The interpretation of this decision is that Sunlit Spar should go well despite the fact that he will be running for the first time over hurdles. Yet, I prefer Oliver's candidate, Three To One, who has had one outing in which he was unplaced at Kelso, and he should know more about things now.

Colin Tinkler, at present lying up well in the first half dozen of the jockeys table, may complete a double for Ken Oliver on Tregarron, who has top weight in the three-mile Swinton Handicap Steeplechase. Here again the danger may be another from Stephenson's stable, Fly Bye, a good winner over three miles at Newcastle in November. Tregarron was second at Carlisle to Forest King, a promising young stayer and winner of four of his last six races, and Tregarron went on to make all the running to win comfortably over three miles at Market Rasen.

If Arthur Stephenson loses the first two rounds to Ken Oliver's Three To One and Tregarron, he has a sound chance of pulling back a point with Kininvie in the Duns Handicap Steeplechase. In his last five races Kininvie has finished four times second and once third, and he ran well in his last outing when narrowly beaten at Sedgefield by Prince Vision, a distinctly useful two-mile horse trained by Tony Dickinson. Oliver's Pan-Man has been no less consistent. He has in four races been second twice and third twice, but I doubt if he will be good enough to give 7lb to Kininvie.

Tommy Stack's second winner for Stephenson is likely to be Kickham in the Dryburgh Novices' Steeplechase. His form when second at Catterick Bridge to Gordon Richards's Morag's Parade suggests that it will not be long before he wins a novice event over fences. Denys Smith's Gaelic is an interesting newcomer in the second division of the Coldstream Novices' Hurdle. He put up several promising displays in good company on the flat last year, and, provided he jumps with reasonable accuracy, he may be too fast for Jumbo Wilkinson's Sir Christopher, second over the course last month.

At Towcester Tim Forster is represented by Super Slave in the Well To Do Handicap Steeplechase, named after the horse he trained to win the 1972 Grand National. Super Slave on his first and only run this season finished well to be second at Wincanton to Another Muddle. On this form, and the improvement he will doubtless have made since that race he should be good enough to give him succes in the race which Tim Forster would dearly wish to capture. Wirall, second in his last two races, and the course winner, African Moth, probably represent the dangers to Super Slave.

Stone Thrower, a winner at Windsor in November and again there on January 1, is likely to take John Francome, who had a double at Fontwell Park yesterday, on to the 52 mark in the Waterhall Novices' Steeplechase. And I note the chance of Il Magnifico in the first division of the Longwater Novices' Hurdle.

Davidson, the Schweppes Gold Trophy candidate, wearing a special restraining bridle, landed the Daniel Lambert Handicap Hurdle at Leicester yesterday by a short head from the favourite Creevelea, but the winner's connections had to survive an objection by the runner-up's rider, Steve Holland, for taking his ground at the last flight.

So the Uttoxeter trainer Bill Clay and his jockey son Neal, who put up 6lb overweight on Davidson, were rewarded for the hard work caused by this problem horse—acquired out of Fred Winter's stable for 550gns last summer.

Clay has saddled seven winners this season from a string of 16, the dearest of which cost 750gns.

STATE OF GOING (official): Towcester: Good. Kelso: Good. Wincanton (tomorrow): Good. Southwell (tomorrow): Soft.

Towcester programme

0 LONGWATER HURDLE (Div I: 5-y-o novices: £340: 2m)

32313 Il Magnifico (D. Bryans), H. Westbrook, 11-5 .. L. Watkinson
0 Attractive Thief (G. Lange), K. Bridgwater, 10-7 .. A. Mawson
Ben Mist (P. Mann), W. Mann, 10-7 .... B. Mann 7
200 Czarist (M. Pearce), I. Wardle, 10-7 .... K. White
Grey Winter (J. Jones), J. P. Jones, 10-7 .... —
00 Gypsy Roamer (T. Sztokowicz), B. McMahon, 10-7 .. J. Glover
Honour Fancy (Mrs I. Reeves), D. Nicholson, 10-7 J. Suthern
00 La Gingold (E. Courage), Courage, 10-7 .... Mr S. Morshead 3
Lucky Louis (Lord Astor), T. Forster, 10-7 ...... G. Thorner
0p March Hare (C. Griffiths), P. Ransom, 10-7 .... R. R. Evans
00 Miss Parker (R. Dill), Dill, 10-7 .... A. Webber
0f Tudor Lord (R. Hambro), D. Morley, 10-7 ...... B. R. Davies
0000 William Penn (J. Rubin), B. Thompson, 10-7 .... H. J. Evans 3

9-4 Il Magnifico, 7-2 Tudor Lord, 9-2 William Penn, 6-1 Czarist, 8-1 Lucky Louis, 16-1 others.

.30 DEER PARK STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £544: 2m 5f 110yd)

2130-23 Flying Orchid (G. Luck), J. Gifford, 7-10-13 .... M. Stanley
f0p00-3 Stiphado (N. Nutting), F. Walwyn, 7-10-0 ...... B. McNally
000400 Dualfair (F. Gilman), Gilman, 7-10-0 .... T. Casey
p King Comer (D. Spearing), J. Spearing, 11-10-0 ...... —

4-5 Flying Orchid, 6-4 Stiphado, 20-1 others.

0 BROADWATER HURDLE (Handicap: £680: 2m)

0f010-0 Indianapolis (D) (D. Wickins), F. Winter, 9-11-7 J. Francome
21-012f Just Jolly (D) (Mrs B. Thomson), P. Taylor, 5-10-12 A. Carroll 7
044304 Quickapenny (D) (E. Courage), Courage, 6-10-9 Mr S. Morshead 3
1-33324 Miss Poker Face (CD) (Lord Norrie), A. Turnell, 6-10-5 S. C. Knight 3
30-4222 Julian Swift (D) (Sir W. Pennington-Ramsden), D. Morley, 6-10-4 B. R. Davies
2f12-00 Java Fox (D) (J. Coddick), B. Cambidge, 6-10-3 Mr G. Jones
0430 Well Briefed (CD) (M. Morrison), F. Walwyn, 8-10-1 W. Smith
f-0 Transformation (D) (L. Hooper), J. Gifford, 7-10-0 R. Parkinson 7
00-0040 Pride of Olly (D) (N. Renshaw), B. McMahon, 7-10-0 J. Glover
3-04004 Our Wardle (Mrs H. Duffey), T. Forster, 6-10-0 .. G. Thorner

100-30 Julian Swift, 9-2 Miss Poker Face, 5-1 Just Jolly, 11-2 Our Wardle, 1 Indianapolis, 10-1 Quickapenny, 12-1 Transformation, 14-1 Well Briefed, 5-1 others.

30 WATERHALL STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £476: 2m 50yd)

100-001 Bachelor's Hall (P. Harris), P. Cundell, 6-11-13 R. Champion
2-32411 Stone Thrower (E. Biddulph), R. Head, 9-11-13 J. Francome
110-pf2 Arctic Actor (M. Conell), A. Connell, 6-11-3 Mr C. Saunders
0p40-03 Banlieu (J. Morley), D. Morley, 6-11-3 .... B. R. Davies
0f034 Cavaltino (Mrs G. Hartrop), J. Webber, 6-11-3 .... A. Webber
030-40 Great Crack (Mrs M. Close), T. Forster, 7-11-3 .. G. Thorner
02-1p0u King Shaw (J. Beazley), P. Cundell, 5-10-7 .... R. Kington 3

9-4 Stone Thrower, 3-1 Arctic Actor, 4-1 Bachelor's Hall, 6-1 Banlieu, 10-1 Cavaltino, 12-1 others.

0 WELL TO DO STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £874: 3m 190yd)

10p-003 Clarification (CD) (Lord Dulverton), R. Armytage, 9-10-13 J. Glover
23-2300 Lord Browndodd (J. Beazley), P. Cundell, 8-10-12 J. Francome
0331pf Moon Trip (A. Conell), A. Connell, 8-10-6 .... J. Barlow 7
44f11-2 Super Slave (Mrs A. Wood), T. Forster, 8-10-0 .. G. Thorner
13-0b22 Wirall (Mrs K. Lloyd), G. Owen, 8-10-0 .... R. F. Davies
042-41 African Moth (CD) (R. Darley), B. Cambidge, 12-10-0 R. Dickin 3

5-2 Super Slave, 7-2 African Moth, 4-1 Clarification, 11-2 Lord Browndodd, 1 Wirall, 8-1 Moon Trip.

.30 LONGWATER HURDLE (Div II: 5-y-o novices: £340: 2m)

p Arabella Swift (Sir W. Pennington-Ramsden), D. Morley, 10-7 B. R. Davies
001000 Buck's Fizz (Mrs D. Nicholson), D. Nicholson, 10-7 B. Grove 7
003 Criticism (Mrs V. Haslam), R. Armytage, 10-7 .... J. Glover
Eagle's Crag (M. Buckley), P. Bailey, 10-7 ...... B. J. Evans 5
00 First Break (E. Ronneberg), M. Scudamore, 10-7 .. A. Turnell
0004 Flitgrove (Lord Vestey), D. Nicholson, 10-7 .... J. Suthern
0 Harwell Banquet (G. Isaac), S. Brookshaw, 10-7 Mr P. Berry 7
0 Lochus (Lord Astor), T. Forster, 10-7 .... G. Thorner
0 Not Guilty II (B. Cambridge), Cambridge, 10-7 .. A. Wilton 7
f04 Schockemöhle (Mrs H. Obre), Thomson Jones, 10-7 I. Watkinson
p0p Vatican Express (E. Courage), Courage, 10-7 Mr S. Morshead 3

11-4 Flitgrove, 3-1 Criticism, 7-2 Schockemöhle, 5-1 Buck's Fizz, 15-2 Lochus, 2-1 others.

Towcester selections

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1.0 Il Magnifico. 1.30 Flying Orchid. 2.0 Julian Swift. 2.30 STONE THROWER is specially recommended. 3.0 Super Slave. 3.30 Flitgrove.

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1.0 Tudor Lord. 2.0 Julian Swift. 2.30 Banlieu. 3.30 Schockemöhle.

Kelso programme

12.45 COLDSTREAM HURDLE (Div I: novices: £306: 2m)

2 00 Bishops Pander (Mrs M. Green), W. Crawford, 5-11-8 R. Lamb
3 2-33400 Certainly John (M. Ramsden), S. Norton, 5-11-8 J. Beaton 5
5 .00000 Golden Pistol (Mrs L. Raine), M. Naughton, 5-11-8 .. N. Tinkler
7 Sunlit Spar (W. A. Stephenson), Stephenson, 5-11-8 T. Stack
8 0 Three To One (J. Manners), K. Oliver, 5-11-8 .... C. Tinkler
9 up00-f0 Union Melody (D. MacDonald), MacDonald, 5-11-8 J. Goulding 7
10 u Wogan's Winner (W. Forster), Forster, 5-11-8 .... P. Ennis
11 Mersey Mission (W. Allan), Denys Smith, 4-10-7 N. Balmer 7
13 00 Ponmaysoul (G. Robinson), Robinson, 4-10-7 .... G. Holmes
15 0030 Robin John (G. Gordon), T. Craig, 4-10-7 .... J. Mooney 7
16 0 Sleek Street (P. Craggs), Mrs K. Craggs, 4-10-7 Mr P. Craggs 7
17 0 Tudor Maestro (R. Earl), Denys Smith, 4-10-7 .. A. Dickman

5-2 Certainly John, 4-1 Robin John, 9-2 Sunlit Spar, 11-2 Ponmaysoul, 7-1 Mersey Mission, 10-1 Three To One, 14-1 Tudor Maestro, 16-1 Wogan's Winner, 20-1 others.

1.15 DUNS STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £526: 2m 196yd)

1 12-2222 Pan-Man (L. McNeill), K. Oliver, 10-11-7 .... M. Barnes
5 022322 Kininvie (Mrs A. Burrell), W. A. Stephenson, 7-11-0 T. Stack
4 2222-32 Lothian Brig (J. Alder), Alder, 11-10-13 ...... P. Mangan
6 011344 Fine Fellow (Mrs A. Naughton), M. Naughton, 7-10-8 C. Tinkler

11-10 Kininvie, 2-1 Lothian Brig, 9-2 Pan-Man, 6-1 Fine Fellow.

1.45 GRANTSHOUSE HURDLE (Handicap: £426: 2m)

2 0-01300 Cobblers March (CD) (Mrs H. Logan), T. Craig, 9-12-1 J. Mooney 7
3 1310p0 Epineuse (D) (Sir R. Renwick), G. Fairbairn, 7-11-8 R. Barry
4 33331 Pentagon (CD) (Mrs S. Taylor), G. Robinson, 5-11-4 J. O'Neill
6 2f1214 Fighting King (D) (Mrs E. Dunn), Denys Smith, 5-11-0 A. Dickman
7 3-00100 French Bridge (D) (P. Burke), G. Blackwell, 5-10-11 K. Gray
8 034212 Red Herring (CD) (Mrs B. Archbold), C. Lamb, 7-10-10 R. Lamb
9 120433 Village Light (CD) (F. Oates), W. A. Stephenson, 5-10-9 T. Stack
10 0p0002- Proteus Choice (CD) (G. Robinson), Robinson, 7-10-4 G. Holmes
11 00-0 Venga Rapido (E. Coulson), B. Collingwood, 6-10-0 C. Tinkler
12 f000 Hurstbourne (Mrs A. Brewster), A. Brewster, 5-10-0 P. Brogan

7-2 Fighting King, 4-1 Red Herring, 5-1 Village Light, 6-1 Pentagon, 7-1 Cobblers March, 10-1 French Bridge, 12-1 Epineuse, 14-1 Proteus Choice, 16-1 others.

2.15 SWINTON STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £558: 3m)

1 s-42321 Tregarron (CD) (H. Blyth), K. Oliver, 9-13-3 .. C. Tinkler
2 022443 Dunrobin (CD) (Wing-Cmdr R. Stevenson), W. Crawford, 9-11-8 M. Barnes
3 40-4231 Fly Bye (D) (Brig J. Peterkin), W. A. Stephenson, 9-11-7 T. Stack
7 p Baltinglass (CD) (Mrs C. St John), W. Crawford, 9-10-12 R. Barry
8 0-00444 Sure Jumper (R. Johnston), Mrs S. Chesmore, 9-10-8 R. Lamb
9 p Fort Vulgan (C. Connell), K. Oliver, 8-10-8 ...... N. Tinkler

13-8 Fly Bye, 9-4 Tregarron, 9-2 Dunrobin, 6-1 Sure Jumper, 10-1 Baltinglass, 16-1 Fort Vulgan.

2.45 DRYBURGH STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £408: 2m 196yd)

1 044002 The Barron (C. Barron), Barron, 8-11-3 ...... S. Fletcher
2 0- Honest Fred (R. Haigh), Haigh, 9-11-3 .... Mr A. Young 7
3 00-30u2 Kickham (J. Britton), W. A. Stephenson, 7-11-3 .. T. Stack
5 0 Rise n'go (Mrs K. Craggs), Craggs, 9-11-3 .. Mr P. Craggs 7
6 4p-p320 Royal Trace (W. Forster), Forster, 10-11-3 ...... P. Ennis

6-4 Kickham, 2-1 The Barron, 9-2 Royal Trace, 6-1 Rise n'go, 10-1 Honest Fred.

3.15 COLDSTREAM HURDLE (Div II: novices: £306: 2m)

1 0-40000 Denby (Mrs J. Burgess), C. Lamb, 5-11-8 ...... R. Lamb
2 Fryoures (C. Loader), P. Buckley, 5-11-8 ...... D. Munro
3 p0 Lady Chancellor (P. Burke), G. Blackwell, 5-11-8 J. Brown 7
4 4 Little Mark (G. Leadbitter), G. Fairbairn, 5-11-8 .. R. Barry
7 0 River Don (M. Llewellyn), T. Craig, 5-11-8 .. J. Mooney 7
8 00 Rolls Rambler (Mrs L. Robinson), W. A. Stephenson, 5-11-8 T. Stack
9 30042 Sir Christopher (Mrs J. Milligan), B. Wilkinson, 5-11-8 C. Tinkler
12 Gaelic (C. Young), Denys Smith, 4-10-7 ...... A. Dickman

11-10 Gaelic, 7-2 Little Mark, 9-2 Sir Christopher, 6-1 Rolls Rambler, 15-2 Fryoures, 10-1 River Don, 14-1 Denby, 20-1 Lady Chancellor.

Kelso selections

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12.45 Three to One. 1.15 KININVIE is specially recommended. 1.45 Red Herring. 2.15 Tregarron. 2.45 Kickham. 3.15 Gaelic.

Fontwell Park

.15 (1.17) WALBURTON STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £514: 2½m)

...reat, br g. by Stupendous—Ellora (Mrs L. Browning), 7-11-7 J. Francome (100-30) 1
...oint Venture, b g. by Eastern Venture—Miss Wilderness (W. Strange), 7-11-0 C. Candy (9-4 fav) 2
...ittle Window, b m. by Sunacelli—Belle Of Acrum (Mrs L. Ripley), 8-10-7 .... G. Gracey (16-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-4 Sun Trap (f), 8-1 Gypsy Baron (p), 20-1 Villa Inica (p), 25-1 Holford Glen (p). 7 ran.

TOTE: Win, 40p; places, 23p, 18p; dual forecast, 76p. D. Browning, at Heathfield. 8l, 25l.

.45 (1.43) LIDSEY HURDLE (Handicap: £378: 2m 1f)

...iss Wordes, ch m. by Worden II—Steal In (C. Gillam), 6-11-1 C. Enright (10-1) 1
...earside, bl g. by Assagai—Individuality (J. Elliott), 5-10-11 P. Warner (11-2 fav) 2
...agic Charm, ch h. by Morning Charm—Charming (Mrs V. Bartholomew), 5-9-11 R. Forsyth (12-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 6-1 Golden End, 13-2 ...ief Scout, 8-1 Country Lad, 10-1 ...rd Ruler, 12-1 Ayilla, Go To Work, ...-1 Lady Lear, 16-1 Kempton Lad, ...mmas, Monkey Touch (p), 20-1 ...niergold, Greek Flash, Princess ...raguay, Paction, Toobroke (p). 18 ...

TOTE: Win, £1.05; places, 28p, ...p, 37p, 20p. B. Wise, at Polegate. ...l, 3l. Winner bought in for 860 ...ineas.

.15 (2.17) ROBERT GORE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £781: 3m)

...al Sharp, b g. by Javelot—The ...oal Polly (Col I. Gore-Langton), 10-11-10 J. McNaught (13-2) 1
...ren Saint, b g. by Saint Crespin III—Arctic Pride (Mrs J. Ramsey), 8-10-13 N. Holmen (100-30 it fav) 2
...ian Cottage, b g. by Mustang—...wild Eelin (Miss S. Jameson), 13-11-11 C. Goldsworthy (6-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 100-30 it fav Beau By ..., 13-2 Curlew River (4th), 10-1 ...ro (p), 12-1 Tern Eran, 14-1 ...donny, 33-1 Gialon. 9 ran.

TOTE: Win, 48p; places, 18p, 17p, ...; dual forecast, £1 09. Miss Sinclair, at Lewes. Hd, 10l.

2.45 (2.48) PULBOROUGH HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £427: 2m 1f)

Alaska Highway, b h. by Sovereign Path—Kittmat (E. Penser), 7-11-5 J. Francome (4-6 fav) 1
Decision, b h. by Gala Performance—Cis (Mrs M. Graham), 6-11-1 M. O'Halloran (11-2) 2
Warr Bridge, b g. by Metropolis—Miss Remiss (R. Dawe), 9-10-6 R. J. Owen (4-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 12-1 Annas Lord (4th), 20-1 Commonwealth Games (p), Great Surprise, 25-1 Scottish Signet, 33-1 Mr Moke, Wind River. 9 ran.

TOTE: Win, 15p; places, 11p, 18p, 14p; dual forecast, 35p. F. Winter, at Lambourn. 2½l, 2l.

3.15 PETWORTH STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £626: 2½m)

Brantridge Farmer, ch g. by Narrator—Autumn Poem (Mrs L. Ritchie), 8-11-7 W. Smith (5-6 fav) 1
Chance a Look, b m. by Don't Look—Spinning Coin (M. Bryant), 10-9-9 ...... G. Gracey (9-4) 2
Mistor Hapsburg, gr g. by Perhapsburg—Harcomb Mist (H. Baker), 11-10-0 .... R. Rowell (14-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 10-1 Windsor Grey (4th), 20-1 Clover Prince (p), Camp Carson. 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, 15p; places, 12p, 14p; dual forecast, 25p. F. Walwyn, at Lambourn. 12l, 12l. Crumlin did not run.

3.45 (3.47) PULBOROUGH HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £430: 2m 1f)

Station Master, b g. by Master Owen—First Class (E. Scomller), 7-11-8 .... J. Glover (8-11 fav) 1
Kailash, ch m. by Mandamus—Anet II (A. Rand), 7-10-12 H. G. Hughes (7-2) 2
Black Abbot, br g. by Tarqogan—Belleighan (D. Gandolfo), 7-10-12 .... P. Barton (6-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 8-1 Set Hill, 16-1 Friendly Glow, 33-1 Handy Andy (4th), Rosy Picture, Dairimoon, Seal Flower, Vidi's Treasure (p). 10 ran.

TOTE: Win, 15p; places, 11p, 15p, 15p; dual forecast, 32p. S. Mellor, at Lambourn. 15l, 8l.

TOTE DOUBLE: Real Sharp and Brantridge Farmer, £6.10. Treble: Miss Worden, Alaska Highway and Station Master, £7.95.

Leicester results

1.0 (1.05) CROXTON PARK HURDLE (Novices Div I: 4-y-o: £340: 2m)

Murray Flash, br g. by Murrayfield—Shoulder Flash (J. Adeane), 11-0 B. R. Davies (5-1) 1
Minewa, gr f. by Phaeton—Shamirah (Mrs P. Bolther), 10-11 R. Kington (10-1) 2
Modesty Forbids, ch g. by Cantab—Super Star (R. Peskin), 11-0 R. Champion (13-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Notary, 4-1 Toussaint, 5-1 Tudor Slipper, 16-1 Little Catworth, St Tryst (4th), 20-1 Sam Browne, Wooden Goose, 33-1 Aloha Prince, Derry Dale, Blast's Queen, Startown, Sunrise Hill, Supafrag, Supreme Surprise, Surprise Event, Wren. 19 ran.

TOTE: Win, 63p; places, 27p, 33p, 33p. D. Morley, Bury St Edmunds. 4l, 6l.

1.30 (1.31) BROOK HURDLE (Handicap: £340: 2m)

Ronorn, ch g. by Ron—Indian Muslin (Mrs P. Cole), 5-10-2 D. J. Nicholson (6-1) 1
Turmoil, b h. by Primera—Kilula (R. Brown), 5-10-2 P. Collins (8-1) 2
Kaths Bounty, b m. by Welsh Rake—Stran Girl (J. Seddon), 5-10-5 N. Clay (20-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav Happy Call, 7-2 Arrow Head (pu), 5-1 Summer Serenade, 8-1 Warwick Flyer, 14-1 Jim Barclay, 16-1 Timothy Jon (4th), 25-1 The Specialist. 10 ran.

TOTE: Win, 55p; places, 34p, 28p, 54p; dual forecast, £5.48. J. Harris, Melton Mowbray. 7l, 3l.

2.0 (2.05) DANIEL LAMBERT HURDLE (Handicap: £680: 2m)

Davidson, b g. by David Jack—Fair Jacqueline (G. Wyse), 5-10-1 .... N. Clay (4-1) 1
Creevelea, b g. by Nelcius—My Fabiola (A. Dickinson), 5-10-3 S. Holland (3-1 fav) 2
Poor Boy, b g. by Charlottesville—Sans Le Sou (W. Cox), 6-10-3 B. R. Davies (7-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 4-1 Fighting Taffy, 10-1 Brief Chance (4th), 25-1 Proper Gent. 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, 59p; places, 23p, 15p; forecast, £1.20. W. Clay, Uttoxeter. Sh hd, 2½l.

2.30 (2.31) RUGBY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £795: 2m)

Gay Kildare, br g. by Stephanotis—Gay Rosalinda (Mrs A. Wood), 13-10-11 .... G. Thorner (4-1) 1
Conceeded, b g. by No Argument—Sowing Time (Mrs M. Chamberlayne), 7-10-7 D. Cartwright (11-4) 2
Amarind, ch g. by Polarity—Almitra (Mrs E. Storra), 10-10-3 K. Mooney (7-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav The Sundance Kid (4th), 12-1 Hilda's Hurricane, 66-1 Antoni R. 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, 47p; places, 22p, 24p; forecast, £1.62. T. Forster, Wantage. 1l, 4l.

3.0 (3.02) COTTESMORE STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £680: 3m)

Guiding Star, b g. by Star Moss—Propitious (T. Winterton), 7-11-5 M. Dickinson (7-4 fav) 1
Honest Lawyer, ch g. by Straight Deal—Napanee (A. Cassell), 12-10-12 .... P. J. Kelly (7-2) 2
Sharman, br m. by Manicou—Sharp Awakening (Mrs F. Wyldbore-Smith), 10-10-12 D. Nolan (33-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 15-2 Bright Fergus (f), Dunkery Beacon, 15-1 Greek Salute (f), 16-1 Brasidas (4th), 20-1 Peace Pact, Super Charger, 33-1 Border Javal, Border Mark, Brilliant Boy, Walleyes. 13 ran.

TOTE: Win, 38p; places, 15p, 23p, £1.35. A. Dickinson, Gisburn. 1l, 10l.

3.30 (3.31) CROXTON PARK HURDLE (Novices. Div II: 4-y-o: £340: 2m)

Christmas Comet, br c. by Pia Star—Perlita (D. Skelton), 11-0 J. Suthern (4-1) 1
Charlotson, b c. by Charlottown—Tara II (F. Pullen), 11-0 R. Champion (9-2) 2
Kinvaston, gr f. by Sleeple Aston—Ballade (G. Cantrill), 11-0 Mr G. Jones (12-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav Staff Sergeant (f), 6-1 Mezzofanti (4th), Robb Rian, 33-1 Lacrimally, Kinba, Karelle, Daring Dolly, Laurel Do, Miss Dallas, Western Gambler. 13 ran.

TOTE: Win, 61p; places, 20p, 30p, 52p. D. Nicholson, Stow-on-the-Wold. 2½l, hd.

TOTE DOUBLE: Davidson, Guiding Star, £7.80. TREBLE: Ronorn, Gay Kildare, Christmas Comet, £19.95.

Skiing

Thoeni makes up most of the ground he lost

Adelboden, Jan 13.—Skiing on a ck he loves, Gustavo Thoeni lay took a big step towards aining the World Cup when he tured a men's giant slalom e. The 24-year-old Italian, four es winner of the trophy, put aself back in contention for this r's championship and the sla titles at next month's Innsck Olympics by finishing ahead Sweden's Ingemar Stenmark l Engelhard Pargaetzi.

t was Thoeni's first success in acked World Cup week in Switland, a period which took on cial significance because of the ximity of the Innsbruck Games, v three weeks away; and it ped him make up most of the und he had lost to his main ls in the Swiss events.

lis performance on today's ond leg, postponed from yesterbecause of mist, was perfect. eady holding an advantage over nearest challenger of more one second, he boosted this by recording the fastest time the first half of the 65-gate rse, and then eased off for a ifortable victory.

lthough his time for the second was narrowly beaten by Stenmark, whose second place pushed him into the lead in the World Cup overall standings, Thoeni was delighted with his form. "When I heard over the loudspeakers that I'd done the first half better than anyone, I knew I'd done enough to win", he commented.

Two of the Italian's previous 22 victories had been achieved on this course in central Switzerland, restored to good shape today after ending yesterday badly cut up. The race was run in bright sunshine, a direct contrast to yesterday's miserable mist.

MEN'S GIANT SLALOM: 1, G. Thoeni (Italy) 1:26.33, 1:33.61), 2:59.94; 2, I. Stenmark (Sweden) (1:26.85, 1:33.38), 3:00.43; 3, E. Pargaetzi (Switzerland) (1:27.00, 1:34.86), 3:01.86; 4, H. Hinterseer (Austria) (1:26.92, 1:35.49), 3:02.41; 5, G. Jones (US) (1:27.81, 1:34.93), 3:02.74; 6, A. Senoner (Italy) (1:27.64, 1:35.15), 3:02.79; 7, H. Hemmi (Switzerland) (1:26.49, 1:36.84), 3:03.26; 8, P. Mahre (US) (1:27.35, 1:35.99), 3:03.34; 9, E. Good (Switzerland) (1:27.87, 1:35.86), 3:03.73; 10, M. Sochor (Czechoslovakia) (1:28.48, 1:35.73), 3:04.21.

WORLD CUP POSITIONS (to date): 1, Stenmark, 126 pts; 2, P. Gros (Italy), 120; 3, F. Klammer (Austria), 106; 4, Thoeni, 97; 5, H. Plank (Italy), 71; 6, Hinterseer, 69; 7, P. Roux (Switzerland), 63; 8, W. Tresch (Switzerland), 57; 9, D. Irwin (Canada), 47; equal 10, B. Russi (Switzerland) and F. Radici (Italy), 44.—Reuter.

Latest European snow reports

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	off Piste	Weather (5 pm)	°C
Andermatt	20	70	Fair	Crust	Fair	−2
Good snow above 2,200 metres						
Arosa	75	85	Good	Powder	Cloud	−3
Good snow fall						
Avoriaz	10	150	Fair	Crust	Fine	6
Icy on lower slopes						
Flaine	20	90	Hard	Varied	Fine	3
Reasonable skiing conditions						
Flims	10	50	Fair	Varied	Cloud	10
Skiing good above 2,000 metres						
Klosters	35	60	Fair	Crust	Cloud	−2
Lower slopes icy						
Mürren	17	50	Icy	Crust	Fine	0
Good skiing on upper slopes						
Niederau	8	49	Bad	Heavy	Cloud	2
Slopes badly worn						
St Anton	5	100	Good	Varied	Cloud	4
Good skiing but limited						
Tignes	20	70	Fair	Varied	Fine	0
Some remaining powder snow off piste						
Verbier	8	60	Poor	Hard	Fine	2
More snow needed						

In the above snow reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from other sources:

	Depth (cm) L	U	State of Piste	Weather	°C
GERMANY					
Berchtesgaden	—	25	Fair	—	3
Garmisch	0	15	Poor	Cloud	1
Hindelang	—	20	Fair	—	1
Kleinwalsertal	30	60	Good	—	1
Mittenwald	0	10	Poor	—	2
Oberammergau	0	10	Poor	—	4
Oberstaufen	0	25	Fair	—	3
Oberstdorf	5	20	Fair	Cloud	2
SWITZERLAND					
Adelboden	15	50	Good	Sun	0
Braunwald	30	60	Hard	Cloud	−1
Chateau d'Oex	10	40	Good	Cloud	−2
Disentis	70	100	Good	Fair	−5
Grindelwald	15	60	Good	Fair	−5
Gstaad	10	60	Good	Sun	−1
Kandersteg	12	60	Good	Fair	−2
Lenk	15	40	Good	Sun	0
Lenzerheide	25	50	Good	Cloud	−1
Leysin	5	50	Hard	Sun	−4
Pontresina	30	60	Good	Sun	−10
Saanenmöser	30	50	Good	Fair	−6
Sarogna	30	50	Good	Sun	0
Zermatt	40	80	Good	Fog	−3

Boxing

Stracey is taking it all in his stride

By Neil Allen
Boxing Correspondent

John Stracey, Britain's world welterweight boxing champion, is learning to wield a knife and fork with even more discretion than his fists as he attends a string of functions all over Britain as guest of honour.

Yesterday's luncheon was given to Stracey and his manager, Terry Lawless, by the British Boxing Writers Club, all eager to applaud the young man who conquered José Napoles in Mexico City even though 90 per cent of we "experts" did not really believe the Londoner would win.

Last night Stracey was going to a party organized by a friend. This evening he is due to be at the Yorkshire Sporting Club at Bradford, then he is flying off to Geneva to see Paddy Maguire challenge Daniel Trioulaire, of France, for the European bantamweight title on Friday. Next week's page in the Stracey diary reads: Monday—guest of the Anglo-American Club, London. Tuesday—a ringside spectator at the Albert Hall promotion. Wednesday—a guest at the Boxing Writers Dinner.

However the festivities are certainly not going to Stracey's head, nor much to his stomach. Yesterday he accepted an orange squash from me and said that he had not put on more than about 7lb above the welterweight limit of 10st 7lb. Since he won the title he has missed no more than half a dozen days of training and he was intending to go out for a run yesterday afternoon.

Was he becoming jaded by the receptions, I asked. "Not at all. It's so different being a champion instead of a challenger. I've just come back from the Anglo-American Club's dinner in Manchester and they gave me a traditional standing ovation—twice. It was fantastic and I felt so proud, not just for myself but for having done it for Britain. Anyway, I'm sick of people knocking our country. It's great to see everyone cheered up by my success."

Stracey may make his first defence of the championship at Wembley on March 20 against Bruno Arcari, of Italy.

Mundine defence

Sydney, Jan 13.—Tony Mundine will defend his Commonwealth light heavyweight boxing championship against Baby Boy Rolle, of the Bahamas, in Brisbane on February 27, it was announced here today. It will be Mundine's second defence of the title he won from Steve Aczel last November. He stopped Ghanaian Victor Attivor, of Ghana, in two rounds last month.—Reuter.

Defence of title

Manila, Jan 13.—Erbito Salavarria, of the Philippines, will defend his World Boxing Association (WBA) flyweight title against the Panamanian challenger Alfonso Lopez here next month, probably on February 14.—Reuter.

Squash rackets

Bar conversation saves Open embarrassment

By Rex Bellamy
Squash Rackets Correspondent

The British Open squash rackets championship, which will also be the first official world championship, has been rescued from the imminent embarrassment of budgetary austerity. Thanks to a conversation at a squash club bar and the negotiations that rapidly sprang from it, the tournament will be sponsored by Lucas Industries, best known for their car components. They have an option for two more years.

To be played at Wembley from January 31 to February 9, the championship will carry about £10,000 in prize money for the professionals (more than double the 1975 figure), the winner earning about £1,650. Both figures will be records, but the precise breakdown has yet to be worked out. The Squash Rackets Association will contribute £5,000 towards running costs. The intervention of Lucas has probably doubled what seemed likely to be the overall budget and trebled the first prize. It has enabled the championship to advance to new heights instead of slipping back from last year's record prize money.

Shortly before Christmas two Midlands businessmen played squash at the Solihull Arden club, and later chatted casually about the fact that the first world championship had no sponsor. One of those men was a Lucas director, Glyn Stiley, the other Michael Bull, whose local friends include Jonah Barrington, six times open champion. Barrington, chairman of the International Squash Professionals Association, then discussed the scheme with Mr Stiley.

On January 6—only 25 days before the first round of the championship — the company decided to go ahead with what was, for them, a new type of promotional activity. Seldom have such big decisions been made so quickly.

During a press conference held yesterday at the Pernod Salon, New Bond Street, Barrington said that this was a critical season because sponsorship had been tending to fall off at a time when the professional game was developing in an encouraging way.

Schweppes entries

The 83 entries for the Schweppes Gold Trophy Handicap Hurdle, to be run over two miles at Newbury on February 14, are:

Alverton 6 years, Apple of my Eye 7, Asdic 5, Attivo 6, Avec Moi 7, Barbecue 6, Barmitzvah Boy 7, Beaming Lee 8, Bird's Nest 6, Canadius 7, Captain Ezra 7, Comedy of Errors 9, Dark Sultan 8, Davidson 5, Dawlish 5, Dramatist 5, Escarole 5, Fighting Kate 6, Fighting Taffy 9, Flash Imp 7, Golden Duckling 5, Grand Canyon 6, Helenium 8, Heracles 6, Highway Rambler 6, Hiram Maxim 8, Indianapolis 9, Indian Mark 5, Infantryman 7.

Irish Fashion 5, Jer 5, Just Jolly 5, King Neptune 6, L'Aiglon 7 (not qualified), Lintam 5, Lyon del Mar 7, Mad Mahdi 6, Malford Grove 8, Melody Tame 5 (nq), Miss Boon 6, Mrs Parsons 5, Navigation 9, Nougat 6, Old Man Dimples 9, Pain Job 5, Parhelion 9, Passing Shot 5, Philominsky 5, Poor Boy 6, Present Arms 7, Primerello 8, Prince Eleigh 7, Quickapenny 6, Quick Attraction 5, Ragamuffin 9 (nq), Rasti 5, Real Ernest 7, Red Power 7.

Red Vase 7, Roly 6, Revise 6, Royal Epic 5, Ruddy Drake 5, Shining Flame 6, Simon's Pet 5, Single Spur 7, Solid Silver 7, Southern Darling 6, Super Nova 6, Supreme Halo 6, Tameric 7, Tammuz 8, Tied Cottage 8, Tip the Wink 6, Tommy Tiddler 5, Transform 6, Tree Tangle 7, True Song 7, Wolis Fargo 6, William Pitt 6, Woroka 5, Zellaman 7, Zip Fastener 5, 1st Forfeit —January 27.

Ice skating

Curry breaks into his own rare version of 'over the moon'

From John Hennessy
Geneva, Jan 13

John Curry, the British champion, made a promising challenge for the European figure skating championships that were begun here today with the men's compulsory figures. Curry finished third, as last year, but this time it was a quirk of marking that placed him behind Sergei Volkov (Soviet Union) as well as the clear leader, Vladimir Kovalev, the Russian holder of the title. (To remove early confusion it should be added that Volkov later won the world championship of 1975 and that both Russians had been beaten by Yuri Ovchinnikov—placed seventh today—in the Russian championships.)

Curry finished second on overall points, 45.28, to Kovalev's 45.84, but Volkov amassed only 45.08. Volkov was given the silver medal on the strength of half a place mark, a statistical oddity that could well disappear in the welter of figures thrown up later by the short programme and the free skating. Volkov launched himself above Curry, on place marks, that is, with a fine set of loops on the last of the three figures.

There is further encouragement for Curry's strong position in the fact that Jan Hoffmann, of East Germany, a former world champion, who missed last year's competitions because of injury, was back in the fray. He was a consistently placed fourth.

The British champion is a man of few words and fewer outward signs of emotion, but even he could not withstand a wide smile when I asked him how he felt the morning had gone. "I'm very pleased", he said. "I did some good figures." Its equivalent, on an emotional level, might be the reaction of, say, Kevin Keegan being "over the moon" at scoring three goals against Everton at Goodison Park.

Robin Cousins, Britain's second string, did two good figures, which would have placed him about tenth, and then fell to pieces on the loops to finish thirteenth. "I panicked from start to finish", he said, as his mark, 28.5, showed clearly enough. Glyn Jones, the third Briton, lies sixteenth. He and Cousins will show the best of themselves when the free programmes are held on Thursday evening.



Impressions of Curry. Judges scrutinize a champion at work.

The British dance pair, Hilary Green and Glyn Watts, will be brought into serious action for the first time tomorrow, wondering what lies in store. For a variety of reasons 1975 was a year of disaster for them, a year when in more fortunate circumstances perhaps the world championship should have been theirs, and they are wondering if the judges are already conditioned to placing them at a lower level than they might have expected a year or so ago. Skating is a matter not merely of performing well on the night, but of also building up the confidence of the judges in one's ability so that they are predisposed to make a generous assessment. Now they wonder if all the good will has vanished.

Watts, for one, is resigned to whatever may come. "I'm just going out there to enjoy myself", he told me, "and if the judges like what they see, that'll be fine. If not. . . ." There the conversation must be allowed to lapse for fear of prejudicing the judges against the British couple if these words should catch their eye.

RESULTS: 1, V. Kovalev (USSR), 45.84 pts (14 placements); 2, S. Volkov (USSR), 45.08 (25); 3, J. Curry (GB), 45.28 (25.5); 4, J. Hoffmann (East Germany), 44.44 (29.5); 5, L. Vajda (Hungary), 41.68 (41.5); 6, Z. Pazdirek (Czechoslovakia), 40.52 (58); 7, Y. Ovchinnikov (USSR), 40.28 (62.5); 8, P. Leskinen (Finland), 39.24 (74); 9, M. Soska (Czechoslovakia), 39.04 (78); 10, R. Koeppelent (Austria), 38.16 (94.5); 11, J.-C. Simond (France), 37.92 (99).

Women's hockey

Early goal enough for North's victory

By Joyce Whitehead

South 0 North 1

North won the first of the 10 women's territorial hockey matches which started yesterday. They beat South on Pressed Steel's fine ground at Oxford. Most of the excitement came in the first 10 minutes. North attacked strongly and from a corner Margaret Souyave, North's international right wing, followed up a shot from Verona Nolan to score the only goal of the match. Pauline Gibbon in goal fumbled her clearance and that was enough for Margaret Souyave. She is always quick to make the most of any opportunity in front of goal. It looked then as though the score might be high.

How South kept the result to 1—0 is a bit of a mystery, but much to their credit they did. North looked faster, fitter and more capable. They actually had two more wonderful chances with the goal wide open but over-excitement caused both shots to go wide.

North missed Anne Whitworth, who scored England's winning goals in the world championship final in September. She did not stand for selection for North. But Paula Hughes the new left-inner from Lancashire, made a good impression. She was alert, gave many thoughtful passes and had a fine turn of speed. Last year she captained the England under-23 side and Great Britain and Ireland under-23 teams.

SOUTH: P. Gibbon (Berkshire), S. Hatten (Sussex), C. Tullett (Surrey), C. Craggs (Surrey), A. Baker (Sussex), S. Dodd (Surrey), R. Shepherd (Surrey), M. Horner (Buckinghamshire), L. Randolph (Berkshire), S. Harding (Middlesex), A. White (Buckinghamshire, captain).

NORTH: J. Kenyon (Lancashire), N. Birtwhistle (Lancashire, captain), A. Lunt (Lancashire), L. Jinks (Yorkshire), R. Grainge (Durham), J. Danson (Yorkshire), M. Souyave (Lancashire), P. Hughes (Lancashire), K. Bridge (Lancashire Second XI), V. Nolan (Lancashire), C. Haseldon (Lancashire).

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LEGAL NOTICES

No. 004129 of 1975

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE, Chancery Division, Companies Court. In the Matter of LAKEVIEW TRADING COMPANY S.A. and in the Matter of the Companies Act 1948. Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the winding up of the above named company by the High Court of Justice was on the 16th day of December 1975 presented to the said Court by the said Lakeview Trading Company S.A. whose registered office is situated at Calle Aquilino de la Guardia No. 8, Panama City, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL, on the 26th day of January 1976, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for the purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

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NOTE: Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to, the above named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be served by the person or firm, or his or their Solicitor (if any), and must be served or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 23rd day of January 1976.

MRS. MAY DUNCAN or GORDON

The above Mrs. May Duncan or Gordon who, since 1949, has been a patient at Kingseat Hospital, Aberdeenshire, died on 23rd December, 1975. Prior to that she lived at 20 Bonnymuir Place, Aberdeen. She was born in Thailand (Siam) on 24th June, 1902, her father being William Duncan sometime of 12 Surisak Road, Bangkok (now deceased).

Will any relatives of Mrs. Gordon or any party holding a Will for her please communicate with the subscribers—

MESSRS. COCHRAN & MACPHERSON, Advocates, 150 Union Street, Aberdeen AB9 1LD. Tel. 0224 21235.

THE COMPANIES ACT 1948 CARTER CARRIERS REFRIGERATED TRANSPORT Limited.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held at 73 Westwood Green, Cookham, Berks. on Thursday the 15th day of January 1976 at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.

Dated this 18th day of December 1975.

By order of the Board
R. W. CARTER,
Secretary.

THE COMPANIES ACTS 1948 to 1967 SPENCER JAMES (UPHOLSTERY) Limited

Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 293 of the Companies Act 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named Company will be held at Clifton-Ford Hotel, Welbeck Street, London, W.1. on Thursday, the 22nd day of January, 1976, at 12 o'clock midday, for the purposes mentioned in sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.

Dated this 5th day of January, 1976.

By Order of the Board.
IAN LEBETKIN,
Director.

THE COMPANIES ACTS. 1948 to 1967. SIB FOODS CO. Limited.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to section 293 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named Company will be held at 100 Park Street, London, W1Y 4AS on Monday, the 19th day of January, 1976, at 12.15 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purposes mentioned in sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.

Dated this 2nd day of January, 1976.

By Order of the Board.
R. S. THOMPSON, F.C.A.,
Secretary.

In the matter of V. WILLIAMS (CARPENTERS & BUILDERS) Limited

By Order of the HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE dated the 12th day of December 1975 Mr. ANTHONY DENNIS FISHER of Victoria House, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1, has been APPOINTED LIQUIDATOR of the above-named Company WITH a COMMITTEE of INSPECTION.

Dated this 12th day of January 1976.

LEGAL NOTICES

In the Matter of KNITTING MILLS Limited and in the Matter of The Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above-named Company, which is being VOLUNTARILY WOUND UP, are required, on or before the 13th day of February, 1976, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned David Llewellyn Morgan, F.C.A., of 100 Park Street, London W1Y 4AS, the liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 7th day of January, 1976.

D. L. MORGAN,
Liquidator.

In the Matter of ORMDALE Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948.

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In the matter of JADDEX Limited

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Dated this 10th day of January, 1976.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CIVIL AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT INSPECTOR'S INVESTIGATION

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Regulation 10(1) of the Civil Aviation (Investigation of Accidents) Regulations 1969, that an Inspector's investigation under the said Regulations is taking place into the circumstances and causes of the accident that occurred on 22nd November, 1975, near Perth Aerodrome, Perth, Scotland, to CESSNA 150 G-AVAB and CESSNA 150 G-AYSS registered in the name of AIR SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL, Scone, Perth.

Any persons who desire to make representations as to the circumstances or causes of the accident should do so in writing to the Chief Inspector of Accidents, Accidents Investigation Branch, Department of Trade, Shell Mex House, Strand, London WC2R 0DP, within 14 days of the date of this notice and should quote the reference EW/C 546/01.

Dated this 14th day of January, 1976.

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Applications are invited for the following new posts which it is hoped will be established from September 1, 1976:—

SENIOR LECTURESHIP/LECTURESHIP/ASSISTANT LECTURESHIP IN BUILDING (IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE). There are two posts one of which may be held at Senior Lecturer and the other at Lecturer/Assistant Lecturer level. For both posts applicants should be members of the RICS in either the quantity surveying or general practice (valuations) divisions, should have practical experience (which needs to be substantial for a senior lectureship) of the building industry, preferably in a multi-disciplinary establishment. Some teaching experience for a post at either level will be an advantage. Duties attaching to both posts will include the teaching of either building measurement or building economics and the organization of building practical work. The senior lectureship will carry responsibility for co-ordination of the building stream of the integrated course in architecture and building.

LECTURESHIP/ASSISTANT LECTURESHIP IN CIVIL ENGINEERING: Applicants should have a good degree in civil engineering and corporate membership of the Institution of Civil Engineers or the Institution of Structural Engineers. Preference will be given to candidates with experience in transportation engineering and/or engineering surveying, but those with experience in harbour development will also be considered.

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TWO LECTURESHIPS/ASSISTANT LECTURESHIPS IN INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING: One post is in operational research and statistics. A higher degree in operational research or industrial production engineering with experience of industrial applications is essential. Preference will be given to candidates with experience in (a) terotechnology, or (b) project cost evaluation, or (c) production planning and control.

The second post is in work design and ergonomics. A higher degree and/or appropriate professional qualifications together with experience in the design, implementation and operation of man-centred production systems is essential. Preference will be given to candidates with experience and interest in (a) work study, or (b) skills and job analysis, or (c) written communications.

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SENIOR LECTURESHIP/LECTURESHIP IN COMPUTING SCIENCE: Candidates should have a higher degree in computer science or a good first degree with proven teaching and research experience in computer applications. Demonstrable ability in development and organisation of an undergraduate computing science curriculum is essential for appointment at senior lecturer level. Experience in working with mini-computers will be an advantage. The appointee will be required to lecture in computer applications courses as well as in computing science subjects.

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Further particulars and application forms may be obtained from THE ASSOCIATION OF COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITIES (APPTS.), 36 GORDON SQUARE, LONDON WC1H 0PF, OR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY (RECRUITMENT), UNIVERSITY OF HONGKONG, HONGKONG. Closing date for applications is 15 MARCH, 1976.

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Further details may be obtained from The Master, St. Catherine's College, Oxford, to whom applications should be sent not later than 31 January 1976 and should be accompanied by a statement of the candidate's career and qualifications, together with the names of three persons to whom reference may be made.

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Applications naming three referees (three copies) should be sent by 14th February, 1976, to the Assistant Registrar (S), University of Birmingham, P.O. Box 363, Birmingham B15 2TT, quoting ref.: TM1.

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Stability returns to the market

It is difficult to see any big change in the residential property market, at least in the early part of this year. During 1975 something of a pattern was beginning to emerge, subject as always, to varitions in particular areas.

Probably the strongest trend to emerge during the year was the compression in values between the lower and upper parts of the price scale. The lower ranges up to about £25,000 or so have been increasing in price, though at a slower rate than the general level of inflation. Only in the latter part of the year did medium-priced properties show any reflection of that upward movement, and the large and high-priced properties have remained difficult to sell unless the more optimistic asking prices have been drastically reduced.

On the other hand a measure of stability has undoubtedly returned to the market. Agents are now able to make more accurate valuations of individual properties, and sellers have been more ready to be guided by their advice instead of holding out for unrealistic figures. Buyers, on their part, have shown themselves to be increasingly sensitive to outgoings, such as rates and maintenance, and the cost of travel to shopping areas. With the continuing recession in the general economy, it is hard to see any early change in the pattern of the market as it is now.

Old mill houses are always popular and two in Essex are for sale through Strutt and Parker. One is The Mill House, at Cock Green, Felsted, a listed building thought to date from the seventeenth century, although recently extended. Built of lath and plaster under a peg-tiled roof, the house has many original features, including exposed timbers and wide strip floorboards.

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The other property is The Mill House, at Fordham, near Colchester. Here the setting is particularly good, grounds of about three acres are bounded on one side by about a quarter of a mile of the Colne, with private fishing rights. There is also a large trout pond held on an agreement with nine years to run from the Essex River Authority, which stocks the pond and provides food for the fish. The house has four reception rooms, five bedrooms and a dressing room, but part of the space could be used as a self-contained flat. Offers of about £42,500 are being asked.

A good substantial property in a popular part of the country is Oddington Lodge, near Stow-on-the Wold, Gloucestershire, which is for sale at £67,500. The house was built, probably about 150 years ago, of local limestone under a slate roof, and modernized in recent years. Accommodation is fairly extensive, and includes two reception rooms, seven bedrooms and a staff sitting room. In addition the second floor has been converted into a nursery suite.

As is usual with such property, outbuildings are extensive and are arranged around a courtyard. Grounds, including a paddock, run to about five acres in all. The property is for sale through Lane Fox and Partners, of Banbury, and Tufnell and Partners, of London.

Another impressive house, but less expensive, being in need of modernization, is The Grange, at Stoke Bishop, Bristol. An early Georgian listed property, it has a number of original features such as shutters, fireplaces and ceiling mouldings. There are two reception rooms and four bedrooms. The basement has been converted into a small self-contained flat, with its own entrance, which is let.

In the half-acre garden is an unusual gazebo which serves as conservatory and a garden store. Offers of about £30,000 are being asked through Alonzo Dawes and Hoddell, of Bristol.

A house that spans a good many years is St Mary's House, at Winchelsea, Sussex, for sale at £29,500. It has a crypt which is though to date to the thirteenth century, but the house itself was rebuilt in 1938 in the Georgian style by the late Duchess of Bedford.

The present owners have extended and improved it and the accommodation now includes, besides the crypt, which has a vaulted ceiling, three reception rooms and five bedrooms. The partly walled garden covers about a third of an acre. The sale is through Bratton Watson and Co, of Northiam.

For those who like plenty of room a good property is Mountwood, on the outskirts of Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire. The house is a stone-built Victorian property constructed in 1869 on what is thought to have been the site of the bailey of an old castle. There are five reception rooms and four main and two secondary bedrooms. About four acres of wooded grounds include a three-room lodge cottage.

The house was visited frequently between the war by George Arliss, the actor. Offers of about £62,000 are being asked; included are nearly new carpets and curtains and a wide range of electric light fittings. The agents are Buckell and Ballard, of Oxford, in association with Harrods Estate Office, of Cheltenham.

A good deal older is Holmbush, in the village of Findon, near Worthing, in West Sussex. It dates from about the middle of the eighteenth century but has been modernized and the roof was reslated in 1972. There are two main reception rooms, a study, six bedrooms and a dressing room.

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This dangerous game that could put a gun at the head of British reporters abroad

The open season declared for the exposure, and murder, of officials of the Central Intelligence Agency has spread from the United States to France, where the Maoist newspaper *Liberation* has, in the argot of mobsters, put the finger on 32 stationed in Paris. Such antics tend to be catching, and I earlier wondered who would be the next victim.

Apparently not the KGB. A spokesman of *Liberation* told one of our Paris correspondents yesterday that it was obviously difficult to produce verifiable lists because most Soviet diplomats work for or collaborate with the KGB. This was disingenuous even for French Maoists, and did not deter the London correspondent of the *Washington Post* from joining the fashionable new trend.

Denied one of those scoops of investigative reporting, for which his paper is justly famous, Mr Bernard Nossiter put his finger on British foreign correspondents. Many British correspondents working overseas, according to this intrepid disciple of Lincoln Steffans and Bernstein and Woodward, are agents of British intelligence.

No specific charges are made. No individual is named—except Kim Philby—and certainly no evidence is produced. By any standards, certainly those of the British press which Mr Nossiter despises, it is a sloppy piece of misreporting. It could also be extremely dangerous.

The danger was recognized by the *Washington Post* when it commented editorially on the murder of the CIA station chief in Athens. "The public identification of Richard Welch was tantamount to an open invitation to kill him. The surprise is not that this happened to him, but rather that it has not happened previously to others.

"That none of the critics pulled the trigger is meaningless. There are enough potential killers at large around the world to spare the critics that chore." The *Post* went on to say that such critics were abetting the technique of indirect assassination which they had often denounced as a characteristic of the CIA, but nevertheless published the following from their man in London.

"A long line of admiring British journalists, some of them undoubtedly on the agency's payroll, have painted the Secret Intelligence Service (SIS), as the British foreign intelligence agency is now known, as the world's greatest.

"An ex-research officer who covered a key region from a desk in the 19-storey, L-shaped office tower that houses the agency behind Waterloo Station thinks its reports are not much better than those a skilled journalist could produce. This is not surprising. A remarkable number of British journalists abroad are reputed to be SIS officers. . . .

"'Fleet Street relies on the secret vote to keep its correspondents in the field these days', one authority insists. The "secret vote" is the figure publicly published for the SIS budget.

"This statement is surely an exaggeration. Nevertheless, a contributing editor at one of Britain's most distinguished journals estimates that more than half of that particular paper's fulltime foreign staffers are on the SIS payroll."

I have never met a contributing editor in Britain—except to the extent that all editors contribute something to their newspapers as ordinary reporters investigate—but I wonder if Mr B. Nossiter realizes what he is doing, or if he cares. Probably not in both instances, but here is example of what could happen.

Many years ago, when all correspondents of this newspaper were anonymous, I was in Syria covering some elections held after a *coup d'Etat*. One of the local French-language newspapers reported that Britain's Middle East intelligence chief had arrived to fix the elections. The next day another paper identified him as *The Times* correspondent.

I was much younger in those days, and artlessly wondered if this was some kind of obscure compliment. Alas, or perhaps fortunately for me, for most Syrians who knew about these things *The Times* correspondent was not me, the special who had flown in from Cairo, but the local correspondent. Soon afterwards, two strangers knocked at the door of his Arab house near the wall of the old city and perforated him with five shots from a Luger. He was a tough old bird and survived, but this is a cautionary tale which should impress most responsible journalists—another American expression—if not Mr B. Nossiter.

I would prefer to forget Mr B. Nossiter, and address my remarks to Mr Ben Bradlee, the managing editor of the *Washington Post*. He must know that the world is now very much more dangerous than it was in the fifties when he worked abroad, and that many of the newly-independent countries are xenophobic and have little understanding of how a free press works.

In this new, uncomfortable and occasionally dangerous world are stationed a few hundred British, North American and western European foreign correspondents. Invariably they work alone. They do not have the protection of diplomatic status, and would reject it if it was offered.

I do not want to dramatize them, because I know theirs is one of the best jobs in the world, but they do work on the frontiers of instant knowledge. They ask the awkward questions. They seek out the terrorists, the freedom fighters, and all the other trigger-happy men who make the headlines, and occasionally history.

Their one defence is that over the years they have built up collectively a reputation of integrity and independence. Presumably there are one or two black sheep. (Those I have met were CIA men supposedly representing small American newspapers which have never stationed a man in their state capital, let alone abroad—but never mind).

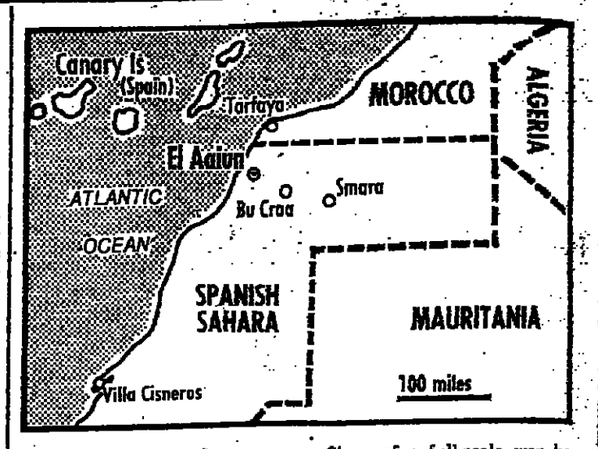
Until now they have been accepted for what they are, but I hate to think of what could happen in certain parts of the world when B. Nossiter's McCarthyist charge is read by xenophobics overly willing to believe the worst.

It is a damning and damnable charge, which can be neither proved nor disproved. I know that this newspaper does not rely on London or Moscow gold to keep its correspondents in the field. I cannot believe that other reputable British or American newspapers would be foolish enough to take tainted money.

On the other hand, I cannot swear that some obscure person masquerading as a correspondent is actually working for the CIA, KGB or the SIS. For all I know, B. Nossiter is working for one of them.

I do not believe that he is, but after his McCarthyist smear he might find it difficult to persuade the trigger-happy otherwise—that is if he worked on those occasionally dangerous frontiers instead of from the safety of Washington, Geneva and London.

Louis Heren



Trouble in Spanish Sahara

The Spanish Sahara, a country that few know and nobody loves, no longer exists. Following King Hassan's green march and astute retreat, Spain signed an agreement with Morocco and Mauritania on November 14, by which she undertook to share the administration of the territory with the other two countries for three months.

All the signs are that Spain cannot get out—decolonize—quickly enough. By Christmas the colours of the foreign legion had been hauled down for the last time in the capital, El Aaiun. Tomorrow the last of the Spanish army will leave from Villa Cisneros. By the time the agreement runs out at the end of February, there will be little left to evacuate except the governor-general and his staff. Morocco has effective, if disputed, control of the lion's share of the territory, including the phosphate mines at Bu Craa; Mauritania similar control ofth e smaller, southern part (they are still working on where, precisely, the boundary should be drawn).

The territory has, then, for all practical purposes, been decolonized: the likelihood is that it will have been decolonized out of existence. Much of the November agreement has remained secret. Nothing has been said officially, for example, about Spain retaining only a 35 per cent share in the phosphate industry; the amount Morocco is paying Spain for the other 65 per cent; the price at which Spain will continue to import phosphates; the future status of the Spanish enclaves of Ceuta and Melilla—or of the British enclave, on Spanish territory but provisioned by Morocco—Gibraltar.

One of the published clauses, though, does state that "the opinion of the Saharan population as expressed by the Yema'a will be respected".

The Yema'a was an assembly consisting of 103 tribal and community leaders created by Spain to be the instrument of its policy of internal self-government. This clause was then a nod in the direction of self-determination. It was not quite the referendum that the UN had been demanding for the past ten years, and that the Secretary-General, Dr Waldheim, had recommended, together with a six-month UN presence, as a result of his visit to the area at the end of October. But it was better than nothing.

Unfortunately, almost the first thing that happened after the signing of that agreement was that the Yema's dissolved itself by the Guelta Declaration and became the Provisional National Council. And by mid-December 97 of its members had joined the camp of the Polisario independence movement. The Polisario had been fighting Spain almost entirely on their own, since 1973; now, with considerable help from Algeria, they are fighting Morocco and Mauritania.

The members of the Yema'a had cooperated with the Spanish authorities thus incurring the bitterest contempt and hatred of the Polisario. But rather than cooperate in the same way with Mauritania and Morocco, they have swallowed their pride and joined forces with the guerrillas.

It was, in effect, a very powerful expression of opinion. But it was not self-determination. The world and the UN have stood by, apparently helpless, while that basic principle, which has guided the independence of nearly every ex-colony in the world, has been swept aside by main force. And, as usually happens in such cases, they have only stored up further trouble for themselves.

Short of a full-scale war between Morocco and Algeria—and neither side is anxious to reactivate the nasty little frontier war they fought in 1963—there is no chance of the Polisario on their own forcing the Moroccan army to withdraw.

So far they have fought a number of creditable battles, but have not won a single decisive victory. They ambushed a number of Moroccan desert convoys in the north, but could not prevent the Moroccans taking over the traditional tribal centre of Smara as the Spanish withdrew to El Aaiun, nor could they stop them taking over El Aaiun when the Spanish left the capital. In the south, they withstood a long siege in La Güera, but the Mauritanians finally took it. And the pattern will probably be repeated in the next few days when the Mauritanians seek to take the place of the Spanish in Villa Cisneros.

But if the Polisario cannot hope to oust the Moroccans, it will be equally difficult for the Moroccans to clear the desert of guerrillas, provided they continue to have their fall-back bases on Algerian soil. Before long—at the latest at the end of February when the November agreement expires—the Polisario will be announcing the setting up of a government in exile. Sooner or later, with their long history of mutual distrust and antipathy, either Algeria or Morocco is going to lose patience.

If it did come to a showdown, Algeria would probably have the edge. The Mauritanian army is negligible. The Moroccans and Algerians are equally matched in numbers, with armies of 55,000 men each. The Moroccans have a slight superiority in tanks and artillery, while the Algerians have a much bigger air force—206 warplanes against 60. To this must be added, as a result of Algeria's recent diplomatic coup, Libya's 100 MiGs.

Up to now, on the diplomatic front, King Hassan has had it practically all his own way. With the exception of Syria, Libya and Yemen, all the Arab states supported either his march or the November agreement. He has also had the support of France and America. Algerian support has been limited to the African states and, presumably, Russia.

It is that line-up which gives some substance to President Boumedienne's rather rhetorical talk of the threat to the Algerian revolution. At the end of last month, Presidents Boumedienne and Gaddafi signed an agreement, one of the clauses of which stated that "any attack against one of the two revolutions will be considered as an attack on the other".

Two years ago, Tunisia and Libya tried to reach the sort of agreement, designed to lead eventually to total unity, that Algeria and Libya have now concluded. The attempt was a dismal failure. The success of Algeria and Libya, if it lasts, now means that Tunisia is isolated and surrounded, and the delicate balance of power that France in particular had striven so hard to maintain in North Africa has now been upset.

The United Nations, Janus-like, has been facing both ways. Following the November agreement, it passed two resolutions, one approving the November agreement, one condemning it. The common thread—which enabled a number of countries to vote for both—was a vague reference in each to self-determination.

In fact, nothing that could be described as self-determination has happened or—without a massive involvement of the UN—is likely to happen. Instead, one more corner of the globe is condemned for years to come to be a sorry mess, with many lives bound to be uselessly lost.

John Gretton

The headlong race to the Birmingham madhouse

Bernard Levin

Mr Geoffrey Drain, General Secretary of the National Association of Local Government Officers, has been insisting, on behalf of his members, that the Government should abandon its suggestion of a modest reduction in the speed at which the spending by local authorities of other people's money has been increasing; on the contrary, says the engaging fellow, the spree must continue unabated, and the union must be prepared to take industrial action, if necessary, to ensure its continuance. Nor is there any problem, it seems, about finding the money; rates aren't nearly as high as they could and should be, and local authorities have virtually unfettered powers to put them up yet again, on which powers they should act.

Now Mr Drain might seem to have taken the ancient belief that eels get used to skinning about as far as it can be taken, if not further; such conclusion would, however, be misplaced. For I have just received a document containing proposals, for increased public expenditure, so comprehensively lunatic in their niagaraic extravagance that they make NALGO appear to be composed of exceptionally keen adherents of one of those monastic orders whose members devote themselves to a life of complete poverty combined with mortification of the flesh. What is more, the document comes neither from the General Secretary of the National Association of Drunken Sailors nor from the Corin and Vanessa Redgrave Fun-Revolutionary Hanging is Too Good for Solzhenitsyn Front and Release the Tolpuddle Martyrs Committee, but from the West Midlands County Council, and what is more still, it comes not in the form of a series of jottings on the back of an envelope for the scenario of a new situation-comedy series for television, but as a Bill at present before Parliament, and what is even more than that, it will become law one of these days if nothing is done about it.

The Bill begins, as is the usual practice among those desirous of dipping their digestives in other people's cocoa, with a ringing claim to be doing it all in the cause of betterment, motherhood and kindness to animals: "It is", claims the preamble, "expedient that further and better provision should be made for the improvement and (*sic*) local government of the West Midlands County . . ." The Bill then explains the form that the further and better provision should take, insisting that it is no less expedient "that the powers of the West Midlands County Council . . . and of the councils of the districts within the county should be extended in relation to commercial and trading activities". Finally—and this was the bit that made more vivid than ever the feeling, which I have so often expressed in this column, that the whole country has been turned into a lunatic asylum without our knowledge—the summary of the Bill declares that it is likewise expedient "that the Birmingham City Council be authorized to provide or arrange for the provision of motor races on certain streets in the city of Birmingham".

Then we get down to detail. What the West Midlands County Council want Parliament to do is to authorize them to provide and manage hotels, chalets and other holiday accommodation, to establish and manage restaurants and to provide for the supply of food (with or without drink) and drink (with or without food), to set up a catering advisory and consultancy service, to provide and maintain bakeries and butcheries, to grow or otherwise provide and supply horticultural produce, including fruit, vegetables, flowers, pot plants, decorative foliage, herbs, trees and shrubs and seeds, bulbs and other material for sowing or planting for the production of such fruit, vegetables, flowers, plants, foliage, herbs, trees or shrubs or for reproduction of the seeds, bulbs or other material planted, to supply any souvenir, ornament, article or thing which in the opinion of the local authority has a connexion with or relates to their area, to undertake printing on behalf of any person, to carry on the business of estate agents and of travel agents, to manufacture and supply house furniture, including upholstery, carpets, linoleums and other floor coverings, household utensils, china and glass goods, fittings, curtains and all things capable of being used therewith or in the maintenance, repair or manufacture thereof, to provide and maintain garages and petrol filling stations, to supply (by way of sale whether wholesale or retail, lease, hire or hire-purchase) timber, joinery materials, plywood, hardboard, woodblocks for flooring and other purposes, boxes, windows, doors, woodpulp, woodwall, sleepers, tool handles, panelling, woodwork, furniture, hardboard, fibreboard, cardboard, paper, string, rope, shellac, french polish, tools, all kinds of grindstones, pins, screws, hinges, bolts, fasteners, ironmongery, hardware and similar goods, to close any or all of the streets in a designated area of Birmingham, and exclude therefore all or any persons, vehicles, goods or things, in order to provide motor races on the whole or any part of the scheduled streets, *and to borrow such sums as may be necessary for the purposes of the Act.*

Well, naturally; if Birmingham Council is going to provide, among other things, a catering advisory service, greengrocery, printing, all kinds of grindstones, and motor races, they are going to need a fair bit of the ready, and since the members of the council are hardly likely to be willing to pay the interest themselves, it is only reasonable to expect the ratepayers, having paid for all that and a lot more besides, to pay also for the privilege of paying for it.

But if we are, as I fear, living in a madhouse, it is possible, from the evidence provided by the West Midlands County Council in their Bill, to deduce just which madhouse we are living in: it is the one in which the Good Soldier Svejk was briefly incarcerated near the beginning of his immortal anabasis, and of which he said, when he emerged:

I really don't know why those loonies get so angry when they're kept there. You can crawl naked on the floor, howl like a jackal, rage and bite. If anyone did this anywhere on the promenade people would be astonished, but there it's the most common or garden thing to do. There's a freedom there which not even Socialists have ever dreamed of. A chap can pass himself off as God Almighty, the Virgin Mary, the Pope, the King of England, His Imperial Majesty or St Wenceslas . . . one chap even pretended to be St Cyril and St Methodius just to get a double portion . . . one was in a straitjacket all the time so he shouldn't be able to calculate when the world would come to an end . . . sometimes they used to tell each other fairy stories and started fighting when something very bad happened to a princess. The wildest of them all was a gentleman who pretended to be the sixteenth volume of Otto's Encyclopedia *and asked everybody to open him and to find the entry: "Cardboard box stapling machine" . . . it was really like living in paradise there. You could kick up a row, fight, sing, cry, bleat, yell, jump, say your prayers, turn somersaults, crawl on all fours, hop, run about, dance, skip, squat all day on your haunches and climb up the walls. No one would come to you and tell you "You mustn't do that, sir. It's not decent. You should be ashamed of yourself. Aren't you properly brought up?"*

Is that not a description, in the most literal terms, of the West Midlands County Council and their plans? Could we not, with only a little further investigation, name all the characters in Svejk's story—the one who wanted a double portion, the ones who thought they were the Pope, the King of England, St Wenceslas and *Otto's Encyclopedia*? Have not the West Midlands County Council discovered a paradise in which its members can crawl naked on the floor, kick up a row, sing; cry, bleat, yell, turn somersaults and climb up the walls—not to mention loot the public purse in order to set up restaurants, bakeries, travel agents and garages, sell decorative foliage, linoleum and grindstones, and stage motor-races through the streets of Birmingham? Have they not indeed granted themselves "a freedom which not even Socialists have ever dreamed of"? And *does* anyone come and tell them: "You mustn't do that, sir, it's not decent"?

Perhaps Parliament will tell them as much, though I would not bet on it. But even if this monstrous measure is thrown out, there will remain the terrible truth that there are people in positions of power and authority in this country who have apparently become possessed by an uncontrollable, frenzied lust for taking and wasting the money earned by other people, and that unless the practice is stopped, it will destroy us all. Mr Drain of NALGO, who wants it not merely to continue but to increase, will not stop it. Then who will? Whoever he is, let him speak now, or else hereafter the West Midlands County Council will seek powers to compel him by law forever to hold his peace.

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Why Mrs Gandhi is tightening the screws on India

The government-controlled Indian press recently reported Mr Hubert Humphrey as telling a Washington audience that it would be wrong to dub India a police state "since no one has been shot". As far as one is able to gather, there have been no shootings since Mrs Gandhi proclaimed a state of emergency six months ago—barring, of course, the recurring clashes between the police and members of the Macist Naxalite Party in the jungles of Andhra and Bihar, in which 27 extremists have died in the past nine months, according to published reports. It is really to Mrs Gandhi's credit that she has managed to forge a virtual police state without spilling blood.

In the beginning, Mrs Gandhi appeared anxious to convince her critics that the emergency would last for a very short period. "The daughter of Jawaharlal Nehru is not going to scuttle democracy", she told a group of carefully selected admirers who called on her two weeks after the crackdown. Her Cabinet colleagues took the cue and went about saying that the emergency would be lifted in a matter of two or three months. When the Supreme Court set aside her conviction by the Allahabad court, hopes rose that the abrogation of the June 26 proclamation was imminent.

But nothing of the sort has happened. If anything, the screws are being steadily tightened. "The emergency", the Prime Minister said in a recent statement, "will be continued so long as it is necessary, so long as we are convinced that the opposition does not intend to return to the path of reason."

There is every reason to believe that Mrs Gandhi's original intention was really to revoke the emergency well before the end of the year. Why, then, has she changed her mind? The reasons are simple enough. She is just not sure of what will happen once "democracy is put back on the rails". The recent municipal elections in Gujarat, in which the Congress Party was routed, have apparently convinced her that genuine democracy is still too much of a risk, though in the subsequent *panchayat* (village council) poll, her party fared much better. Second, thanks to the detention of an estimated 120,000 opponents and the ruthless muzzling of the press, she and her supporters have become accustomed to a degree of public submission unobtainable under democratic conditions.

There are other reasons for fearing the future. The enormous public interest in the health of Mr Jayaprakash Narayan, who has been set free on medical grounds, is an unnerving factor. Mr Narayan's death would only complicate matters for Mrs Gandhi.

Meanwhile, the six-week old *satyagraha* (non-violent movement) against the emergency has been gaining strength. To date, nearly 70,000 people have courted arrest all over India. In Delhi alone, 1,700 people offered themselves for arrest. Because of the strict censorship of the press, many people do not still know the extent of the passive resistance campaign. But that the backlash has begun is common knowledge, though the campaign has its limitations. Indian jails can take in an endless stream of new entrants, and so far the bulk of passive resisters are unknown men and women whose arrest need not agitate the authorities unduly. But once the intelligentsia joins the campaign the picture may become different. Mr George Fernandez, the Socialist Party chairman, who has been underground since June 26, reportedly told a deputation which met him that lawyers, journalists, teachers and even some judges might offer themselves for arrest. Trade unions are also becoming increasingly restive because of the total ban on strikes and demonstrations.

If anything is clear in the circumstances, it is that Mrs Gandhi will not relax the emergency, let alone revoke it, so long as she is not fully certain that "democracy" will be safe for her and her party. Three draconian ordinances have made sure that the press will remain unfree even after the emergency is diluted or revoked. Since Parliament cannot be reported faithfully, no scandals will see the light of day, whatever the thunder in the House.

Congress Party stalwarts have launched a crude campaign against intellectuals, describing them as reactionaries, fascist agents and enemies of the people and a drive for committed intellectuals has been launched.

Surveying the vast crowds commandeered to listen to her speech in Hyderabad, south India, Mrs Gandhi remarked: "The people are with me". But as one ex-judge asked: "If the people are really with Mrs Gandhi, why not revoke the emergency and cash in on a quick election?"

The Prime Minister is, however, a shrewd judge of men and matters. She knows that her countrymen like to attend political rallies irrespective of which parties organize them. Last June's election in Gujarat—just a few days before the emergency was clamped down—showed that not all the people who flocked to see her voted for the Congress Party.

So, the present expectation—or apprehension—is that elections will be held for Parliament only when a "foolproof" democratic system is forged. The existing British-type parliamentary system has evidently been found wanting in several respects. So, there is a clamour in the ruling party for making "basic" changes in the constitution. The American system appears to many of Mrs Gandhi's nervous supporters tantalisingly secure.

Mrs Gandhi's dilemma is almost heartrending. It is how to fabricate a system which will have all the trappings of democracy and at the same time confer immunity from hostile political winds. But the courtiers around her do not seem to realize that even the much-admired American presidential system did not save Mr Nixon. So, the search will go on without any time limit, the emergency meanwhile being used to snuff out dissent.

A special correspondent

The Times Diary

Going in one ear and out the other

British Airways are unveiling Concorde by stages. Last week they told us what passengers would have to eat and today they plan to show us what the crew will wear. Tomorrow the first plane will be delivered to the airline in a formal ceremony and next Tuesday—the eve of the inaugural flight—the crew will be introduced to reporters.

Yesterday the in-flight entertainment was revealed and explained to the expectant world.

Apart from the usual sugary songs (*You make me feel so young, That old black magic, Easy to love* and the rest) the headphones offer one channel described in the programme as "an exciting new dimension in audio entertainment". Alan Beaves, Concorde's marketing manager (he boasts an insuperably cheery disposition which must be a prime requirement for that job) said cheerily: "It's one of the most exciting things I've found since I became associated with Concorde."

John Andrews, a director of the firm which developed the new system, explained that it was a means of making recorded sound more realistic. This was done by recording it from life through a dummy head fitted with microphones. This gives a result better than ordinary stereo in some circumstances.

The drawbacks are that it can be heard at its best only through headphones, and that it works properly only with the spoken word or sound effects, not music. Thus what Concorde's high priced passengers will hear through the new system will be some "Sounds of London" introduced by Harry Secombe, Pat Coombes and Michael Bentine; the balcony scene from the Chichester Festival Theatre production of *Cyrano de Bergerac*; and Michael Bentine interviewing Concorde's pilot.

We were made to wear headphones for a demonstration, and it was so realistic that when a public relations man behind me said: "Would you like a drink?" I thought it was part of the show. We did not hear the scene from *Cyrano*, though we were told that the lines from the balcony sounded as though they were being spoken above your head, and that the sounds of passion were so realistic that there were fears of causing offence to Arab potentates flying from the Gulf.

There are to be no films on Concorde's initial Bahrein run. This is because by the time cocktails and the gourmet meal have been served, there will be not much more than an hour's flying time left, when those who can resist *Cyrano* might like to do some work. Beaves said that the programme had been selected to please the average Concorde passenger, expected to be a man between 35 and 55 with an A-B profile (that means rich).

The new gimmicky sound system, with its built-in limitations, seems to me just right for Concorde. For, like the plane, it is indisputably a technical advance, but not one that necessarily fulfils a human want.

Ooh la la

Kenneth Marks of Musselburgh has offered a witty new insight into the debate over the use of "Franglish", now frowned upon in France. He has evidence that, however much the French may insist on their national virtues of clarity and reason, they are actually "frivolously obsessed by 'le you-know-what' (known over here as 'Ooh la la') and food."

The evidence is in two clippings from a long survey in *Le Monde* of European attitudes to pornography. The first talks about "les sex-shops" not being authorised in Italy while the second, about Germany, demonstrates the gastronomic obsession by dubbing them "sex-chops".

Gung ho

P. H. Simpligessverk, my defence correspondent, is having a free trip on a British warship off Iceland, and reports:

Crunch! Smash! Groinge! These are the sounds of war in this hellishly dark and freezing corner of the oceans, where the sun peeps through for half an hour at lunchtime, the fish come from the sea ready frozen and the only warmth is from hot tempers. For this is where the manically stubborn Icelanders, in their crazed bid to conquer the world, are provoking incident after incident by allowing their pitiful little gunboats to stand there and be rammed by Britain's naval might.

I spoke to Captain Bob Gungho, the swashbuckling commander of the frigate HMS



Hattersley. Clearly a man who loves a scrap, he told me: "It's pretty poor seamanship on the part of the Hun. It's all his silly little fault. I mean we bear down on his piffling gunboats, aiming for them amidships, and it would be the easiest thing in the world to take avoiding action. But instead they move four points to port, we follow them and hit them bang in the bollards. It's quite reckless of them."

For Captain Gungho, it is clearly no problem to throw off years of training in careful seamanship and aim for the nearest thing that moves. But what about the long run? He told me: "What we want to do is to take Jerry by the scruff of the neck and rub his face in it. We will drive him out of the seas and into the fjords where he belongs."

For the other view, I shouted over the rail to Captain Thor Bollards, skipper of the Icelandic gunboat Magnusson. Standing on the front half of his ship, which the Hattersley had just cleverly sliced in two, he shook his fist and said something which I could not catch because of the sound of the BBC helicopter overhead. But this is a war nobody can win.

Unseasonal (1)

The people of London's East End borough of Tower Hamlets have created a magical mid-winter flower show, now blossoming in Whitechapel Art Gallery. There are woollen michaelmas daisies and hollyhocks, narcissi with trumpets made from egg cartons, a proliferation of paper carnations, and water lilies of aluminium foil. In one arrangement the flowers are made of uncooked pasta.

Caroline Parkinson, the organizer, circulated local schools and tenant associations, asking for artificial flowers made of anything. The resulting crop is colourful and various, with contributions from three- and four-year-old children in the borough's day centres and a paper bouquet from an exhibitor of 92.

A knitted collage from an old people's home hangs beside a professional artist's batik, and primary schools have sent in blossom trees complete with straw birds' nests and windmill flowers made of paper picnic plates.

Unseasonal (2)

The ace cultivator of Brixton, who farms the allotment next to mine, was hard at work with his fork when I arrived at my plot last weekend to dig some celery and cut the remnants of the cauliflower. "The third time I've dug it this winter", he told me.

"Never known a winter like it. Never been digging in January before. But the weeds are growing, and if you don't dig them in now you'll have no end of trouble in the summer".

He looked disapprovingly at my untidy patch, where grass is sprouting all over the part I dug in October. "You should do the same", he told me reprovingly. "Can't today", I said defensively. "I'll do it on Friday if the weather's right".

We spoke of the potato crisis, and how seed potatoes are so hard to get this year. "I went to the supermarket and bought ten pounds of ordinary Dutch potatoes for 72p", he said.

He showed me some spring onions he had pulled and told me his immediate plans, which include planting some parsnips in about three weeks. I took up my basket of produce and said goodbye. "Finished already?" he said, not bothering to conceal the irony.

Last year, reporting the London Transport art group's annual exhibition at the Royal Exchange, I remarked the absence of any pictures of buses or tube trains. The omission has been made good this year, and the pictures have been among the quickest to sell. A study of an underground train in Wood Green station fetched £25, and a picture of the last steam train on the underground went for £30, but if you hurry you might still get a No 8 and a No 25 bus passing the Royal Exchange itself for £30.

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USSIA'S AFRICAN EMPIRE

pretence that Africa can ctively decide how African s are to be settled vanishes the OAU deadlock. What ow happening in Africa is g determined by foreign vention—or non-interven- as the case may be. Russia not won first prize in Addis ba—a resolution accepting ntever the wrappings) the lar Movement as the legiti- government of Angola. that happened Dr Neto ld have appeared at the ed Nations, to the plaudits he anti-western majority, as embodiment of Russia's lutionary ascendancy in ca.

ne stubborn opposition of anti-Russian, anti-inter- ionist block has for the time g prevented that outcome. the reference back of the olan problem to the OAU fective committee in Kam- leaves the Soviets with a free d. They can claim they are g nothing that the majority African states prohibit, and ything that half of them rove. The discomfiture of OAU, is itself a gain for the ogressive forces" in Africa hom Russians have renewed r standing pledge to help at times against neocolonialism racialism.

he Russians and the pro- LA states must be expected to w their diplomatic campaign, the Russians must be expec- to press with the MPLA for ick victory in Angola, before West changes its mind, and le the disheartened South icans contemplate withdrawal heir laager. The alternative n MPLA victory—a coalition the other two movements— little chance now, and its credibility will be undermined as the other movement's forces are driven from their cities, from administrative occupation of their territory, into mere guerrilla resistance.

But insofar as the twenty-two states who voted against recognition of the MPLA were voting out of the conviction that Russia would not depart after the war was won for the MPLA, the West can legitimately give them such support as they will accept for themselves and for the anti-MPLA movements. They plainly reject the comforting doctrine that the MPLA will behave as the Lagos government did after accepting (and paying for) Russian aid, and reject Russian influence—if indeed Nigeria's passionate partisanship of the MPLA quite bears out that Nigerian assertion.

It is not easy to see how the West can now redress the balance. The South Africans are the only military force that can check a determined Russian-Cuban-MPLA advance; yet South African intervention has been disastrous for the western position. It should have been discreet—it was almost as blatant as the Russian-Cuban, which it followed. Either the South Africans were unwisely urged on by the Americans before Congress cut off the funds, or they were misled by their ambition to operate in Africa as allies of the West to think American intervention was inevitable in such a strategic struggle. Though they have given Mr Savimbi a better line to defend, they prejudiced the West's position and their own withdrawal may ensure his defeat.

African wars, however, rarely go according to plan. In such a huge country, even Russian technological superiority may be hard to deploy quickly. The Cubans' ability to perform a nineteenth century colonialist military role has yet to be fully tested. Far from home, in a different culture, their revolutionary conditioning may begin to break up. They may end as weary as did the Portuguese army. Closer to their own borders, the South Africans may be able to give effective support to Unita, prolonging the struggle. The trouble is that a long war may suit Russia almost as well as a short one—up to the point at which the United States is goaded into taking drastic retaliatory action in some other field open to them. A short war would demonstrate Russia's mastery of the African environment, which would have immense repercussions in southern Africa. But a long war would entrench Russian influence (and naval presence) in Luanda.

The problems for the West are now considerable, and it would be fatal to appear unconcerned. The "progressive forces" in Africa will make great efforts to detach (or topple) governments who have opposed the MPLA on the argument that it is best to accept the inevitable. The western interest is that whatever advantages the Russians and Cubans give Dr Neto, he should be compelled to push them out of Angola, and Africa therefore, as soon as possible. For Russia to become arbiter of southern African events and policies is not in Africa's interest. The issue at stake is the extension of the Russian Empire into southern Africa, and that would be the greatest disaster that could happen to Africa as a whole.

PAIN'S SLOW MARCH TOWARDS FREEDOM

ike wars and empires, dic- rships cannot usually be led according to a carefully ised plan. The belligerent ernment, the imperial power the dictatorial regime are all d with the same problem e they commit themselves to olicy of peace, withdrawal or ocratization: in each case a decision implies a pro- sive reduction of their own rference with, and hence r ability to control, the rities of their opponents. sequently they have diminish- power to ensure that their onents conform to the time- e which they have planned, generally speaking their onents see no reason to do so. hus events usually develop er than the plan allows for, the plan is either telescoped discarded. That is why doves, derates and liberalizers so dom reap the benefit of their n policies, however sound the alysis on which those policies e based. Either they are dis- ced by hawks (or turn hawkish mselves in fright at the results their own actions), or the pro- s which they have started ickly escapes their control. e troops withdraw, and the gotiated compromise collapses. e date for independence is ed in five years' time, but the ndependence now" party wins elections. The king agrees to the Estates General, and ds himself supplanted by a tional Assembly.

King Juan Carlos and the man om he seems to have accepted his political mentor—Señor Manuel Fraga Iribarne—were no doubt well aware of all this when they decided to wind up the Franco regime gently and embark on a gradual and carefully controlled process of democratization. They knew perfectly well the twin dangers to which this policy was exposed: the intransigence of the right and the impatience of the left. They none the less concluded, and on the whole it is to their credit, that it had to be tried. In fact, given their personalities and backgrounds, it is unlikely that they thought any other policy worth serious consideration.

They are sufficiently European minded and sufficiently in touch with modern political and economic forces to think the perpetuation of Franco's absolutism both morally repugnant and politically unwise. Yet at the same time they are both children of Franco's regime. They accepted office and honours from him, they received their political education at his court, they imbibed at least some of his prejudices and his authoritarian instincts. Both were loyal to his person and neither once criticized him in public. Both know well the strength of the right-wing forces on which he relied, in the army and especially in the police. In their eyes to attempt the "democratic rupture" for which the opposition called immediately after his death would have been criminal folly.

They thus find themselves engaged on the task of easing the cork very slowly out of a champagne bottle, without spilling any champagne and without being heard by an irascible teetotaller who is ready to pounce as soon as he hears the tiniest pop. So far the cork has moved only a fraction of a centimetre. There has not been a general amnesty for political prisoners. There has not been a promise of free elections, nor of freedom of expression, nor of freedom of association, so that most of Spain's trade unions and political parties remain officially illegal. A Spanish writer can still be fined for what he wrote two years ago in a Swedish newspaper. Trade union leaders can still be arrested in the middle of the night. Demonstrators can still be dispersed with tear-gas and baton-charges. The difference is that this is no longer sure to happen on every occasion, that a number of individuals have been released, and that the Minister of the Interior can have dinner with the leader of an illegal Socialist party. Worse, the Foreign Minister has described the exiled leader of the Communist Party as "a Spanish citizen like everyone else"—and this already has made the irascible teetotaller jump.

Such gestures encourage hope, but do not satisfy it. They do not appease opposition, but embolden it. The present wave of strikes, which was economic in its origins, is rapidly and inevitably becoming political. King Juan Carlos will soon have to choose between letting the cork out of the bottle and ramming it brutally back in.

nd visitors to Chelsea ower Show

n Lord Snowdon

I think it will be generally ed that blindness is a grim gh handicap for anyone to en- without its being made worse patronizing or insensitive be- our on the part of the sighted. since I have just come across example of behaviour which nines the insensitive and the mizing to an extraordinary steful degree, perhaps you will me to ventilate the matter in columns.

recently learned, from an inter- on the radio, that guide-dogs excluded from the Chelsea er Show, which is run by the al Horticultural Society. I e enquiries as to the reason, cting to be told that the ex- on was decreed because of the ibility of fire hazard: this is most common reason given by sorts of organizations for ex- ing guide-dogs and wheel- rs, and can sometimes be sadly . But it was not the reason in case; I directed my enquiry to Minister for the Disabled. It forwarded to the Royal Horti- ural Society, whose official esman sent me a copy of a r he had written to the onal Federation of the Blind, hich the question is answered er a fashion.

e RHS began by deciding for iselves what blind people wish o to the Chelsea Flower Show "There are no aural or tactile tures available and so the only ture which could be enjoyed at of scent" and why it would waste of time for them to go that reason ". . .by no means lowers have a scent . . . only ier person can perform this ng function and only another n can then say what the rs are, what they look like so on. A dog cannot perform functions, is indeed quite use- . . . This is why guide dogs are ded".

en the RHS kindly detail blind le who want to visit the Chelsea Show to their minor Shows in Westminster. Finally comes the rebuke—gentle, of course, ". . . these points have already been put forward in earlier correspondence but do not appear to have been noted".

Could there be a better example of the lack of understanding that is the ban of many disabled people's lives? It does not appear to have occurred to the RHS that blind people might want to go to the Chelsea Show, like many sighted people, to discuss and buy products for their gardens; still less has it crossed their minds, apparently, that blind people may want to do things that the sighted take for granted. They, of course, "encourage and welcome blind and other disabled people to our shows". Sadly for some reason at Chelsea, disabled people in wheelchairs are not admitted unless accompanied, but as the Ministry only issue them with those single seater three wheeled contraptions, how can they be accompanied? Could the RHS not possibly make their welcome even more hospitable and believable by having a few keen horticultural volunteer guides standing by for just those four spring days to accompany those at present treated like social outcasts.

In the United States and Australia there are gardens in which all the exhibits are labelled in Braille; such practical and considerate action is clearly beyond the RHS whose response seems to be limited to a polite request to blind people to go round the corner, where they will be less bother.

Yours sincerely,
SNOWDON,
Kensington Palace, W8.
January 13.

Relief of suffering

From Dr Cicely Saunders

Sir, Mr Nicholas Reed (December 19) quotes from Appendix 1 of the Anglican booklet *On Dying Well*. In this Appendix we give a number of cases (selected and summarized by two observers independent of the therapeutic team) where pain remained a problem. Mr Reed does not refer, however, to the notes that follow this list which point out that none of these patients had pain which was impossible to suppress in all circumstances. All could have received relief combined with drowsiness and it was they who resisted this, not the doctors who denied it to them. It was also noted that the only one who wished to die had a long psychiatric history. There is no need for any new legislation to ensure that patients can be given adequate relief by their doctors without fear of transgressing present laws.

Of course I am aware, as Lady Wootton (December 16) points out, that standards vary and by no means all patients in this country receive the relief they should be given. Education is a somewhat slow process but the increase of interest in this field within all disciplines concerned and particularly among medical students is more marked every year. It would be very sad if a Bill were passed which apart from any other implications it might have would give the impression to uninstructed practitioners and anxious families that the only thing that should be asked for was a rapid increase of dose to render a patient unconscious.

Those who have seen the courage and quality of life and their potential for reconciliation and new depths of relationship which adequate pain control can give to the terminally ill would feel that a swift descent into unconsciousness was a very poor substitute for a doctor to offer. Of course none of the hospices or others concerned with this problem can rest until adequate relief is available to every patient in need of it and most of us are engaged in spreading such teaching; we are constantly encouraged by the response.

Yours faithfully,
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January 6.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Future of London art market

From the Chairman of the British Library Board

Sir, There is nothing wrong with Sotheby's and Christie's trying to make as much money as they can, provided these famous houses are seen to keep in mind the prestige of London and the interests of the British art market in all its aspects. They cannot be surprised that their old friends have some doubts about the wisdom of the 10 per cent surcharge on buyers, and see a connexion between it and their policy of promoting auctions in foreign centres.

It can be argued that international sales would have been arranged in foreign centres whether or not Sotheby's and Christie's took a hand in their management. I accept that, but was it necessary at the same time to deal London such a deliberate blow? It looks too much like a new source of revenue, raised in a hurry, to help finance the cost of establishing branches abroad. British museums, collectors and dealers are to pay for the competition which must reduce London's time-honoured supremacy.

Will Sotheby's and Christie's please tell us whether, given the bulging bonus of art prices outstripping inflation, they cannot make a decent living without the surcharge? We know now that the world recession has not caused a serious slump in the art market and that, with the United States economy recovering, prospects are good. It would be undeniably in the national interest, and I would think now commercially sensible, to drop the surcharge. We all want Sotheby's and Christie's to remain world leaders in London. I hope they will think again.

Your obedient servant,
ECCLES,
The British Library Board,
Store Street, WC1.
January 13.

Sectarian voting in Ulster

From Professor Richard Rose

Sir, Unfortunately Sir Patrick Macrory (January 12) has made a substantial error of fact in referring to my research in the course of his defence of the Stormont government. One-third of Catholics did not steadily vote Unionist, as alleged: the proportion was about five per cent. (See *Governing without Consensus*, 1971, p 235).

In *Northern Ireland: Time of Choice*, a book of mine shortly to be published by Macmillan, Sir Patrick will find evidence that political polarization along religious lines has remained consistently high in Ulster since.

I would agree with Sir Patrick in emphasizing that unthinking dismissal of a Stormont government consistently supported by a majority in the Province for half a century is unconstructive. This is particularly the case when it comes from a British government that in 1971 unthinkingly introduced internment in defence of that government.

No doubt, her Majesty's Government has always had good intentions. But Ulstermen will judge Westminster by what it does, and not by what it says.

Yours sorrowfully,
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Bishop in Europe

From Mr R. L. B. Wimbush

Sir, The suggestion that the Church of England might choose the Rome title for its new continental see is a splendid conceit. There is a story that the Pope once received the Bishop of Gibraltar with the greeting: "I believe I am in your Lordship's diocese." Gibraltar enjoyed the unique distinction of having two cathedrals, though happily he never had to choose from which throne he should speak *ex cathedra*.

In view of the American complication our new man in Europe might sit in the Episcopal Church of St Paul in Rome, which would be both a fraternal gesture and a mark of Anglican solidarity. There is, of course, no reason why the new see should inevitably be in English hands.

Yours, etc.
ROGER WIMBUSH,
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115 High Street,
Mortlake, SW14.

Christian names

From Dr Gaden S. Robinson and Mrs Barbara E. Robinson

Sir, Mr Bond's letter (January 7) has prompted us to examine the Christian names of 113 boys and 119 girls born between 1968 and 1971 and currently attending an infant school on a council estate in East London. Pooling spelling variants (Alan/Allan; Jane/Jayne, etc) we find 55 boys' and 65 girls' names. The most popular girls' names are Tracy/Tracey and Joanne (7 occurrences each), Karen/Karon (!), Sharon (6 each), Jane/Jayne, Tina, Amanda, Samantha (4 each) and *Donna, Kerry and Nicola* (3 each). Sharons and Samanthas were all born in 1970 and 1971 with the exception of one Sharon in 1969. The most popular boys' names are Mark (10), Paul (8), Jason (7), Gary, Robert (5 each), Alan/Allan, Andrew, David, Lee (4 each) and Christopher, Dean, Ian and Simon (3 each). Our Jasons begin with one born in 1969, two in the 1970 classes and 4 from 1971, suggesting a steady increase in Mr King's popularity. Shortened names (Debbie, Tina, Toni, Nina; Bobbie, Jamie, Marty, Terry) are quite common and there are some charming single occurrences in our sample: Astin, Bradley, Jay, Marvin (boys), Beverley, Bonita, Cherie, Donna-Maria, Gaynor, Janette, Keely, Kelly, Leisa, Maxine, Michaela, Natasha, Shanni, Shannon, Shelley and Tonya (girls).

We look forward to September, further evidence of the Jason-Sharon effect, and possibly our first Ann, Christine, Mary or Carole.

Yours faithfully,
GADEN S. ROBINSON,
BARBARA E. ROBINSON,
21 Lakeside,
Rainham,
Essex.

Path to European union

From Mr John Raven

Sir, The Tindemans report offers some interesting speculations about Community moves towards economic and political union. It is tragically characteristic of the developing sense of unreality among European politicians—much of which is steadily seeping through to the Commission—that nothing is said about delays in achieving the very basis of a united Europe—the practical, physical and tangible unity of a Common Market.

On January 1, 1977—that is less than a year from now—the remaining tariffs between the EEC newcomers and their more senior partners will disappear. Of course a number of non-tariff obstacles—technical standards, national purchasing policies and so forth—will remain but goods actually bought and sold within the Community from January 1 next year onwards should be free to move throughout the nine member states as though no national frontiers existed. This was the intention of the signatories to the Paris Treaty and this is certainly the assumption upon which British trade and industry have always *rallied behind the European* concept.

Now we know, however, that because of certain fiscal differences —notably in VAT rates—the notion of a free European domestic market for Community goods is indefinitely postponed. Why is this so and why does nor Mr Tindemans attack this relatively fragile obstacle to a primary European achievement?

Differences in fiscal behaviour need not maintain national frontiers within the Community. We do not employ customs officers to check goods leaving the factory in the United Kingdom to see if they are carrying the proper rate of VAT. Control is exercised almost entirely through accountancy by selective inspection of the appropriate records. It surely cannot be beyond the wit of Commission man to devise some way of removing these lingering obstacles to a frontier-free Community. If that could be achieved then the first of the great European realities would be in force.

Given all the practical advantages and political impact of frontierless trading, political leaders in the Nine might well be persuaded or stimulated to move forward towards those other objectives which dominate the Tindemans report. Conversely, continued failure to provide a Common Market will rob the concept of economic and political union of all credibility and reputation.

Yours, etc.
JOHN RAVEN,
Reform Club,
Pall Mall, SW1.
January 8.

Elections in the EEC

From Professor J. D. B. Mitchell

Sir, The argument about the obligation of member states in regard to direct elections is not as simple as Mr Jay thinks (Letters, January 6).

The EEC Treaty in Article 138 (or the equivalents in the other treaties) creates a duty in the European Parliament to "draw up proposals" for such elections. The same Article creates a duty in the Council, acting unanimously and upon that basis to lay down "appropriate provisions". The Parliament has done its duty twice. The Council has not, see, eg, its answer to the Assembly (JO 63 of April 20, 1963), denied its obligation. It merely affirmed that the condition of unanimity had not been attained.

At the Paris Summit of December, 1974 (Cmnd 5830), all the Heads of Government accepted direct elections as "an objective to be achieved as soon as possible" and expressed their interest in the proposals then being formulated by the Parliament. The only reservation of her Majesty's Government was that it "could not . . . take up a position on the proposals before the process of renegotiation had been completed". The Danish reservation was only as to date. The acceptance of a Treaty objective by adherents to the Treaty is clear.

As to the terminology of Article 189. Two points must be made. First that the types of conclusion reached by the Council are not exhausted by the categories therein listed (Cases 22/70 and 81/72). The Court, in looking to the legal effect of acts has always looked to material content, not form (eg, Cases 20/58 and 16+17/62). There are in fact a number of different types of "decision" comprised within the Treaty. It is against such a background that one has to interpret the word "recommend" or its equivalents in Article 138.

Against the whole background it is clear (a) that the adhering states accepted the objectives and that is reinforced by the referendum result for the United Kingdom; (b) that there exist obligations for the Parliament to propose and for the Council to determine in appropriate conditions; (c) that there exist obligations for the member states to set in motion their own appropriate constitutional mechanisms to implement what they have determined in the Council. How each set of mechanisms will respond could not, of course, be controlled by the Treaty.

I am, Sir, your obedient Servant,
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University of Edinburgh,
Old College, South Bridge,
Edinburgh.
January 8.

Britain and human rights

From Professor Roland Oliver

Sir, It is good to know that Mr Callaghan is considering the submission of evidence on Dr Cassidy's case to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights. He would, of course, be in a much stronger position to do so if our Government was among those (now numbering more than 30) which have so far ratified the Civil and Political Rights Covenant of the United Nations since its adoption by the General Assembly in December, 1966. May one hope that Dr Cassidy's case will lead to the speedy elimination of this strange anomaly in our international standing in these very important matters?

Yours faithfully,
ROLAND OLIVER,
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36 Craven Street, WC2.

The future of Southern Africa

From Professor Terence Ranger

Sir, Lord Chalfont's article on Angola (January 5) is headed "The West must act before it is too late". I agree—but act *how* and too late for *what*? Lord Chalfont means that the West must act to prevent a Russian triumph and his implication is that if Russia cannot be prevailed upon to withdraw her support for MPLA then the West must intervene on the other side.

However, the Angolan situation is not essentially about great power politics. It is essentially about the future of Southern Africa. And here indeed the situation is getting too late: too late for a peaceful solution in Rhodesia; too late to avoid dreadful upheavals which will impair the prospects of economic development and political stability for decades to come; too late, from the point of view of Britain and America, to hope for constructive relationships with the future Southern African regimes.

This situation is alarming but it has been predicted for years and it is not due to Russian adventurism in Angola—or for that matter to American adventurism in Angola. African leaders have warned us over the years, as President Nyerere warned us again during his recent state visit, that Africans were serious about the liberation of Southern Africa: that they would rather bring this about peacefully and maintaining an openness to all the powers and any and every idea or resource they could offer to assist; but that if the liberation of Southern Africa could only be brought about through violence and in the teeth of Western hostility then this would come to pass.

These warnings have not been taken very seriously, perhaps least of all by the cold war pundits. Some of the very people who used to back Portugal as a pillar of the defence of the free world and used to scoff at the claims of Unita or FNLA to be effective or representative movements are now among those who back Unita's claims against MPLA. These experts did not take seriously the determination of Africans and they have been proved wrong in Angola and Mozambique and will soon be proved wrong in Rhodesia.

So it is no use hoping that the situation will go away. The crisis is here in Southern Africa and even at this late hour it is to this crisis that the actions of the West must be directed. Which side are we on is a question which has nothing to do with a choice between Russia and America and everything to do with a choice between the regimes of Smith and Vorster on the one hand and the African liberation movements on the other. This is a choice which must be made quite explicitly one way or another, for if at this moment we are seen to come to the aid of South Africa in Angola then indeed it will be too late for us to play any positive role in the transformation of southern Africa.

It is difficult to feel charity towards those who are endeavouring to obscure the realities by a reiteration of tired jargon. This is a charge which Lord Chalfont makes—with notable lack of charity—against Father Hastings. To my mind it is a charge more properly directed towards him. Whether or not Russia began to aid the MPLA before America began to aid its rivals is not the main question but Lord Chalfont's position on it is hard to credit. On the very day he was rebuking Father Hastings for being ignorant enough to imagine that Russian action might possibly have been a response to American initiative, your front page news columns were reporting that President Ford was seeking to prevent publication of a Congressional report which documents "a process of competitive escalation between the Soviet Union and the United States in supplying arms to Angola". Lord Chalfont's condemnation of Russian intervention loses all moral force through his failure equally to condemn South African.

This is a moment when Ian Smith proclaims that he has always been on the side of "the free world" and when Patrick Wall in your correspondence columns (January 5) can commend South Africa to us as a reliable provider of gold to the "free" nations. It is a moment for us to make clear, before it is too late, that *this* is not what we mean by freedom, and that these are not the allies we choose to defend it.

Yours sincerely,
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January 6.

Textbook piracy

From Dr J. Billam

Sir, Your report of a "nationwide swindle" in Germany involving book piracy comes as no surprise (*The Times*), January 12). The ubiquitous office copying machine makes the illegal reproduction of a complete book both simple and cheap, and the temptation to do so is increased by the high cost of most academic texts.

As an example, a standard textbook first published in 1969 at £4.50 has now reappeared in a second, largely unchanged edition at £14.00, yet it is well known that the cost of an adequate photocopy would not be more than about £3.50. The increase in student grants has not been sufficient to keep pace with this scale of inflation in the price of books. The solution is for publishers to concentrate on producing cheap, paperback editions of specialist textbooks. If they did so, sales would increase enormously to the benefit of authors, publishers and readers.

Yours faithfully,
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January 12.

Inheritance of tenant farms

From Mr Alan Beith, Liberal MP for Berwick-on-Tweed

Sir, John Gorst (January 10) views the granting of a measure of security to the sons of tenant farmers with horror. He seems unaware that provisions of this kind operate in Scotland without the dire consequences he predicts.

He seems, moreover, to have forgotten what many of his Conservative colleagues said during debates on the Capital Transfer Tax barely a year ago. If the effect of the tax would be to prevent owner-occupied farms from being transferred intact to the next generation, they argued, the result would be that farmers would no longer "farm for the future", and the land would suffer.

This principle can hardly be irrelevant to tenant farmers. Indeed, so long as safeguards for competence and good management are retained, it is difficult to understand Mr Gorst's opposition to the incorporating into law of what is general practice on the vast majority of well-run agricultural estates, both private and institutional.

There is, of course, something refreshing about Mr Gorst's newfound disapproval of the hereditary principle. It will be of particular significance if, as George Hutchinson confidently predicts on the page adjacent to Mr Gorst's letter, Mrs Thatcher seeks to reintroduce hereditary peerages.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN BEITH,
House of Commons.
January 10.

From the Rev J. Breay

Sir, What a wonderful spectre is raised by Mr John Gorst, MP (January 10) when he reveals to an innocent public a small cell of Labour MPs who are proposing to extend the hereditary principle into *previously uncharted regions*—namely into the inheritance of occupations. It appears that three revolutionary northerners are seeking to amend in Committee the Agricultural (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill with this in mind: and he labels this as an unexpected version of "jobs for the boys".

If, Sir, he would study the debates in Parliament relating to the Law of Property Acts in the 1920s he will find a great deal of information on the subject of tenures of inheritance, and in particular from the north of England where tenures of inheritance descendible from ancestor to heir according to customs of manors were widespread. It is interesting that within 50 years of Lord Birkenhead's reforms a modern version of an old form of tenure is being suggested. It may be wrong; but it is far from novel, and was a common feature of old land law.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BREAY,
Shepreth Vicarage,
By Royston, Hertfordshire.
January 10.

Concorde's critics

From Mr John Dinswood

Sir, If Mr Sitwell thinks (letters, January 12) that Hugh Montefiore is "a public-spirited private citizen", then "public-spirited" has lost its meaning. To jeopardize the livelihood of thousands of aircraft workers, to turn away millions of pounds in foreign currencies, and to denigrate our country's achievements in aircraft technology is, to say the least, hardly "public-spirited". Lord Boyd Carpenter was certainly right—the cobbler should stick to his last, and the prelate to his preaching.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN DINSWOOD,
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Surrey.
January 12.

Women in Europa

From Mrs Hilda Bernstein

Sir, Now that International Women's Year is over, editors can relax and revert to normal. So the centre-spread of Europa, pages 8 and 9, presents a true picture of the kind of Europe you would like to see—16 photos of men, no women; 18 interviews with men, and the one indispensable statutory woman. A new Europe with no women painters, musicians, actresses, physicians . . . nothing but "pale, balding, dingy men"? You can keep it.

HILDA BERNSTEIN,
5 Rothwell Street, NW1.
January 6.

Franglais

From Mr Derek S. Voysey

Sir, I must protest; let us look to our philological facts before flailing about too wildly.

Both Mr T. D. Kingdom (*Times*, January 8) and Mrs Macdonald (*Times*, January 10) appear to be conveniently unaware of the origins of the English "ticket". As I understand the matter, "ticket" is a simple phonetic corruption of the old French "etiquet", stolen, I believe, in the sixteenth century and camouflaged—if I may use the word without fear of censure—ever since. Such experienced cross-Channel travellers are not uncommon in both languages, and I would commend future correspondents not to wax too righteous over "budget", "square" and their regiments of colleagues.

Yours sincerely,
DEREK S. VOYSEY,
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From Mr Roger Mortimer

Sir, Do not French racing journalists describe a top-class racehorse as "un veritable crack"? A French lady-owner was heard to observe during a period of ill-fortune for her horses: "C'est toujours le coughing ou le breakdown."

Yours faithfully,
ROGER MORTIMER,
Budds Farm,
Burghclere,
Newbury,

Anthony Powell
Hearing Secret Harmonies

Hans Herlin
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January 13: Lieutenant-Colonel the Right Hon Sir Martin Charteris had an audience of The Queen at Sandringham this evening when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order.
The Lady Rose Baring has succeeded Lady Abel Smith as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

CLARENCE HOUSE
January 13: The Hon Mrs John Mulholland has succeeded Ruth, Lady Fermoy as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

A thanksgiving service for the life of Miss Tilly Losch, the Countess of Carnarvon, will be held at St Etheldreda's, Ely Place, Holborn Circus, EC1, tomorrow at noon.

A service of thanksgiving in memory of Sir Alexander Clutterbuck will be held in the Crypt Chapel, St Paul's Cathedral, on Wednesday, February 11, at noon.

A memorial service for Mr Bernard van Cutsem will be held today at St Etheldreda's, Newmarket, at noon.

Birthdays today

Professor Sir Melville Arnott, 67; Sir Cecil Beaton, 72; Baroness Brooke of Ystradfellte, 68; Lord Catto, 53; Sir Nell Pritchard, 65; Sir Percy Rugg, 70; Sir Frederic Sellers, 83; Mr Robert Speaight, 72; Dr Solomon Wand, 77.

Eton College

The Lent Half at Eton College begins today. With 110 new boys the total in the school is 1,233. J. M. W. Lane, KS, is captain of the school and M. A. F. Shenfield, OS, captain of the Oppidans. There will be four performances of the *Hippolytus of Euripides* in the Farrer Theatre on February 16, 17, 18 and 19. Long Leave will be from February 20 to 23. There will be services of Confirmation conducted by the Bishop of Lincoln on March 13 and 14. The half ends on March 24.

Bedford School

The Easter Term begins today with 1,046 boys in the school. A. M. Lloyd-Williams is head of the school and N. K. Bouveng is captain of boats. Confirmation by the Bishop of Bedford will be on February 22, and *Caligula* will be performed in the Great Hall on March 13. Term ends on Tuesday, March 30.

Harrogate College

Harrogate College reopened today for the Spring Term with 400 girls in school. Judith Metcalfe is head of school, and Rosemary Abbot games captain. The term ends on March 31 and half-term is from February 19 to 24.

Christening

The infant sons of Sir John and Lady Clark were christened George John Robert and Edward Charles Henry by the Rev H. L. O. Rees, at St Mary Abbotts, Kensington, on Sunday, January 11, 1976. The godparents are Sir Raymond Brown, Mr Michael Clark, Mrs Peter Holt-Wilson, Mrs Robert Muck, Mr David Jacobs, Viscount Portman, Mme Jean François Delannep, and Lady Elizabeth Stakerley.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Sir Philip Jones, manager of the Confederation of British Industry's social affairs legal policy department, to be a member of the Equal Opportunities Commission.

Legal

Mr Maurice Drake, QC, to be deputy leader of the Midland and Oxford Circuit.

Christie funeral private

Dame Agatha Christie's funeral will be held privately at Cholsey Parish Church, near Wallingford, Oxfordshire, on Friday, it was announced today. She died on Monday, aged 85.

Luncheon

Royal College of Surgeons of England
Sir Rodney Smith, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, yesterday entertained at luncheon at the college the Earl of Carrick, Sir Ralph Bateman, Mr Selwyn Taylor, Mr Ian P. Todd, and Mr W. F. Davis.

Dinners

St Edmund Hall Association
The London Dinner of the St Edmund Hall Association was held last night at Simpsons in the Strand. The president of the Association, Sir Denis Wright, was in the chair. The guests included the Principal of St Edmund Hall, Canon J. N. D. Kelly, and the President of the Junior Common Room, Mr A. Hargreaves.

Middle Temple awards

The Masters of the Bench of the Middle Temple have made the following awards:
Harmsworth (Major) Exhibitions: A. R. Alcock, Kingswood and Trinity H. Cambridge; E. B. H. Braglei, St Benedict's and Trinity H. Cambridge; P. J. Davies, St Julian's CS, Newport, and Hertford C. Oxford; J. N. Gruder, City of London S. and Trinity H. Cambridge; J. R. Surfleet, United World C of the Atlantic and Selwyn C. Cambridge; M. J. S. White, East Ham GS and Mansfield C. Oxford.
Harmsworth (Minor) Exhibitions: C. M. De La Rue, Elizabeth C. Guernsey, and Pembroke C. Cambridge; I. B. Fagelson, Southend-on-Sea HS and Keble C. Oxford; M. Hatcher, Sutton Valence S and Exeter C. Oxford; J. L. Howard, The Perse S and Downing C. Cambridge; M. R. T. Howe, Winchester and Trinity H. Cambridge; A. M. Lowe, Wolverhampton MGS and Christ Church, Oxford; P. M. McCormick, Chichester HS and Balliol C. Oxford; L. E. Pickett, Pilgrim S. Bedford, and Trinity C. Cambridge; A. D. Poore, Clifton and Clare C. Cambridge; P. R. R. Roche, Worth Abbey and University C. Oxford; D. J. Walker-Smith, St Albans and Worcester C. Oxford; C. J. Vosper, Cowbridge GS and Pembroke C. Oxford.
Entrance Bursaries: R. P. Davis, Balshaw's GS, Leyland, and King's C. Cambridge; M. J. Dennis, Battersea GS and Peterhouse, Cambridge; C. Miller, St Paul's and Brunel Univ; M. E. R. Munroe, Bec GS and Birmingham Univ; M. J. Robinson, Wennington S. Wetherby, and University C. London.

Dyers' Company

General Sir John Hackett has been elected an honorary liveryman of the Dyers' Company, having been admitted to the freedom of the City by the Chamberlain of London.

Lady Mayoress

The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress last night entertained the Court of Aldermen, the Sheriffs and the high officers of the corporation, and their ladies, at dinner at the Mansion House.

Service dinner

Headquarters RAF Germany
The Commander in Chief, RAF Germany, Air Marshal Sir Nigel Maynard, and Lady Maynard were guests of honour at a ladies' guest night held yesterday evening at Headquarters RAF Germany. Officers' Mess on the occasion of their departure from RAF Germany. The deputy commander, Air Vice-Marshal D. G. Bailey, and Mrs Bailey, were present. Group Captain C. A. Thomas presided.

Old soldiers returning to India

By Philip Howard

Former officers of the old Indian Army are about to make a sentimental passage back to India in the first such corporate pilgrimage since independence.

The first party of about 30 leaves on Friday, the second in February. Both are packed with names that were familiar for many generations in the cantonments of the Indian Army: Bromilow of the Jodhpur Lancers; Meiklejohn of the Poona Horse; Major-General Hughes, Mountain Artillery, who since the sun set on the Raj has become the most eminent historian of the Royal Artillery.

Probably the most resonant name, echoing down the century since India was the brightest jewel in Victoria's crown, belongs to Mrs W. B. Aspinall, the grand-daughter of the great Major Mayne who founded Mayne's Horse, one of the private cavalry regiments that became the flower of the Indian Army.

Wives, widows, and daughters are joining in the return to the subcontinent where their families spent the best years of their lives and in many cases left their gravestones. The visit has been suggested and organized by the Indian High Commission and the Indian Tourist Board, and encouraged by the heirs of the old soldiers, the present Indian Army.

The first expedition is being led by Brigadier John Woodroffe, late of Skinner's Horse, Central India Horse, and the 15 Punjab Regiment, who is currently promoting government, diplomatic, and foreign business for the Carlton Tower Hotel. Brigadier Woodroffe says: "Very many of our old friends still in the Indian Army have written urging us to come and offering to entertain us. This is not a trip into nostalgia. We are going out to see what the Army is like today; not primarily to revisit the places where we were before."

Their crowded itinerary includes visits to the Army Centre at Meerut, to Delhi Cantonment, and to the Rajpath in Delhi to watch the Republic Day Parade. There is an optional day at the Sariska game sanctuary, to meet again tiger, leopard, sambar, nilgai, and chinkara: "If conditions permit, a tiger-bait will be arranged and this is included in the cost of the tour."

Brigadier Woodroffe says: "We are going back because it was a privilege to serve in the Indian Army. We want to return to the country in which we had such a marvellous time in peace and war. But our journey is also a sign, in a time of increasing xenophobia, that it is possible for races separated by half the world to get on together and feel something like love for each other."

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P. A. Neave and Miss C. J. L. Kinahan
The engagement is announced between Paul, elder son of Sir Arundell and Lady Neave, of Greatham Moor, Liss, Hampshire, and Louise, eldest daughter of Sir Robin and Lady Kinahan, Castle Upton, Templepatrick, co Antrim.

Dr T. R. Fenton and Miss A. L. Hare
The engagement is announced between Timothy Roy, only son of Mr R. P. Fenton, CMG, and Mrs Fenton, of Burnham House, Burnham Market, Norfolk, and Ann Lesley, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A. C. Hare, of 95 Edward's Drive, Edenvale, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Mr C. S. McWilliam and Miss A. Birks
The engagement is announced between Clive, son of Mr and Mrs S. S. McWilliam, of Preston, and Antonia, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Birks, of Flinton Hill House, Offerton, co Durham.

Mr I. R. D. Milsted and Miss J. I. Searle
The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Mr and Mrs R. L. Milsted, of Balcombe, Sussex, and Jane, daughter of Dr and Mrs J. G. Searle, of Chislehurst, Kent.

Dr J. B. Timmis and Miss L. K. Moore
The engagement is announced between Benjamin, younger son of Mr Peter Timmis, FRCS, and Mrs Timmis, of Cherry Trees, Berkhamsted, and Lindsay, younger daughter of Squadron Leader J. E. Moore, RAF, and Mrs Moore, of Walter's Ash, Buckinghamshire.

Mr M. J. Steven and Miss J. F. Doull
The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Major and Mrs F. J. Steven, of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, and Nina, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Doull, of 53 Anglesea Road, Ipswich, Suffolk.

Mr R. A. Bint and Miss M. A. MacNicoll
The engagement is announced between Roy, only son of Mr and Mrs H. Bint, of Erith, Kent, and Mary, youngest daughter of Brigadier and Mrs J. M. MacNicoll, of Freshwater East, Pembrokeshire.

Mr B. Crow and Miss S. K. M. Honeyman
The marriage has been arranged between Brian, younger son of Mr and Mrs W. Crow, of Gateshead upon Tyne, and Susannah Katharine Milne, younger daughter of Professor and Mrs A. M. Honeyman, of St Andrews, Fife.

Mr J. Groombridge and Miss P. R. Graham
The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place quietly on May 1 between John, son of Mr and Mrs A. J. Groombridge, of Feilding, New Zealand, and Robin, younger daughter of Professor and Mrs D. S. Graham, of Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada.

Mr C. J. S. Hodges and Miss F. M. Ewart
The engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Mr and Mrs John Hodges, of Edgbaston, Birmingham, and Fiona Mary, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Dunlop Ewart, of Blackheath, London.

Mr R. M. D'A. Muirhead and Miss B. M. Gray
The engagement is announced between Robert Max D'Arcy, son of the late Major T. D'A Muirhead, MC, and of Mrs Muirhead, France Corner, Chalford Hill, near Stroud, Gloucestershire, and Belinda Mary, daughter of Mr J. M. Gray, CBE, and Mrs Gray, Blairlodge, Dundrum, co Down.

Captain J. L. Potter and Miss V. F. E. Ryan
The engagement is announced between Captain John Potter, The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers and Greys), younger son of Mr and Mrs C. A. Potter, of Field House, Bridge, Canterbury, Kent, and Victoria, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D. M. Ryan, of Manor House, Moreton, Dorset.

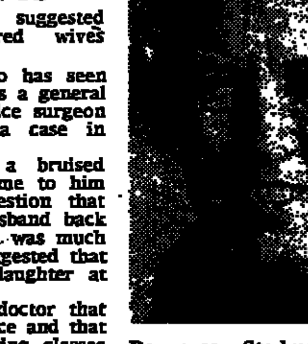
Doctor suggests judo for battered wives

A family doctor has suggested that younger battered wives should learn judo

Dr John Abels, who has seen many battered wives as a general practitioner and a police surgeon in Teesside, relates a case in *Medical News*.

He describes how a bruised young woman who came to him objected to the suggestion that she should hit her husband back on the ground that he was much stronger. Dr Abels suggested that she should join his daughter at judo classes.

Later she told the doctor that she had taken his advice and that six months after starting classes her husband came home drunk again and went for her. She threw him over her shoulder and he crashed through a window. He never attacked her again.



Baroness Stedman, the new Lady in Waiting, photographed at the Department of the Environment, yesterday.

University news

Belfast
Honorary degrees are to be conferred on the following this summer:
LLD: Captain Peter Montgomery, for services to the arts.
DLit: Mr W. G. Scott, for distinction in the visual arts.
DSc (Pure Science): Professors R. Belcher, for contributions to analytical chemistry; E. W. Dijkstra, computer science; G. F. Mitchell, quaternary studies; S. Mullan, neurosurgery; D. H. Smyth, physiology.
DSc (Applied Science): Mr P. F. Foreman, for contributions to aeronautical engineering.
MA: Mr Harold Goldblatt, for services to the theatre.

Bath
Grants:
£36,518 from the Department of Industry to Professor J. Black and Mr H. Hardisty for an ink-drying research programme
£10,600 from the Science Research Council to Professor F. J. Wallace to study flow and performance on novel 1 HP cycle automotive gas turbine.
£12,506 from the Wellcome Trust to Professor R. J. Ancill and Dr K. I. Williams for an investigation of substances affecting the synthesis and breakdown of prostaglandins in the uterus.

Aston
A grant of £10,000 has been accepted from Cadbury-Schweppes for evaluation of pilot scale fermentation effluent treatment system, under the direction of Dr R. N. Greenshields.

Open University
Dr Christopher Hill, MA, DLitt, Master of Balliol College, Oxford, has been appointed a visiting professor for two years from 1978.

25 years ago

From The Times of Saturday, January 13, 1951

From Our Motoring Correspondent
Delegates from motor clubs throughout the country met at the Royal Automobile Club yesterday to discuss with the competitions committee the lessons of the past season and plans for 1951. Motor sport generally is more popular than ever before—last year the record number of 456 permits were issued for various meetings, of which more than 100 were speed events, while the national calendar for 1951 contains the record number of 547 events.

The two outstanding issues discussed were the possibility of reducing the entertainments tax on motor racing to the same level as the tax on horse racing and football, and plans for the international rally—the first to be held in this country—arranged for next summer. This event . . . will be held in June and is expected to attract a large entry from overseas.

English prints far exceed estimates

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

A sale of English prints, 1700-1850, at Sotheby's Belgravia yesterday had been expected to realize £4,000 to £6,000, but it brought in £11,732 with only 4 per cent unsold.

The prints were a mixed bag, not mainly of outstanding quality, embracing sporting scenes, views in Switzerland, Germany, the East and elsewhere, a few genre scenes and some mezzotint portraits. The message appeared to be that decorative but inexpensive graphics are in strong demand.

A made-up album of the "Works of William Hogarth" brought the top price of the sale at £1,485 with premium (estimate £300 to £500). They were fine eighteenth-century impressions and bound with some extra loose plates. Hogarth prints appeared to be in the doldrums last year, even contemporary albums seldom fetching more than £500 to £600.

Late lithographic views of Switzerland, not the desirable early aquatints, were selling well beyond expectations.

In Bond Street Sotheby's held their first 1976 sale of Chinese Ch'ing porcelains. It totalled £18,468, with 5 per cent unsold. It was a routine sale but it was notable that a goodly number of foreign dealers had come over for a low-season event.

£21,535 stamp essays: A small sale of 104 lots of hand-painted stamp-sized essays for British stamps submitted to the Post Office between 1884-1892 made £21,535 at Robson Lowe's in Pall Mall yesterday (our Stamp Correspondent writes).

Jubilee souvenirs must be 'in good taste'

Souvenirs for the Queen's Silver Jubilee next year, which bear photographs and certain royal devices, must be in good taste, the Lord Chamberlain's office said yesterday.

According to the guidelines, such souvenirs must also be free from any form of advertising and carry no implication of royal custom or approval.

Buckingham Palace said good taste meant "not excessively incongruous".

The devices concerned are: The royal arms or component parts (such as the supporters or the crown); the arms of the Duke of Edinburgh or component parts; the Queen's or the Duke's cipher; and approved photographs of the Queen and the Duke.

The Lord Chamberlain announced that the Queen had approved that the rules governing the commercial use of the photographs and insignia should be temporarily relaxed to allow the use of the devices listed.

Any of the articles produced by authority must not be sold to the public before January 1, 1977, nor manufactured after October 1, 1977.

Exhibitions of well designed souvenirs will be arranged by the Design Council at its London and Glasgow Design Centres.

University given Blake works

A collection of the illuminated books and other works of William Blake has been given to the Essex University library by Mrs E. Mary Bean, of Sudbury, Suffolk (our Arts Reporter writes).

It will be on exhibition from next Monday and is described by Mr Phillip Long, the university librarian, as "one of the most valuable gifts we have received and, of its kind, certainly one of the most outstanding".

There are 27 volumes and a portfolio of watercolour designs illustrating the work of Thomas Gray, the poet.

Gulbenkian inquiry

The Gulbenkian Foundation has announced the membership of the committee of inquiry it has set up to look into the training of musicians (our Arts Reporter writes). The first meeting of the committee takes place tomorrow and its report will be published early next year.

The members are:
Professor John Vaizey (chairman), Miss Susan Alcock, Professor Peter Dickinson, Mr John Hosier, Mr John May, Mr John Manduell, Mrs Muriel Nissel, Mr Anthony Pay, Mr Robert Ponsonby, Mr Richard Taylor, Mrs Marion Thorpe, Mr John Tomlinson, Mr Basil Tschaikov and Mr David Willcocks.

Moderator named

The Rev James Young, Minister of Langside and Shawlands Church, Glasgow, has been appointed Moderator-designate of the General Assembly of the United Free Church of Scotland, to be held in Glasgow later this year, it was announced yesterday.

Today's engagements

Exhibition: Delaroche and Gauder, National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, 10-6.
Second World War Aircraft Exhibition, Skyfame Aircraft Museum, Staverton airport, Cheltenham, 11-5.
Organ recital: Robert Langston, St Bride's, Fleet Street, 1.15.
Memorial service: Colonel Bertram Lang, St Columba's, Pont Street, noon.

Memorial services

Mr M. Edelman, MP
The Lord Chancellor was represented by Lady Elwyn-Jones, the Prime Minister by Mr George Park, MP, and the Speaker by Sir Myer Galpern, MP, at a memorial service for Mr Maurice Edelman, MP, held yesterday at the Marble Arch Synagogue. Rabbi Maurice Unterman, the Rev Dr I. Levy and the Rev Jack Cohen and Mr James Callaghan, MP, who gave an address, took part in the service. Among those present were:
Mrs Edelman (widow), Mr and Mrs Brian Jackson (son-in-law and daughter), Dr Natasha Burchardt (granddaughter).
The French Ambassador and Mme de Beaumarchais, the Turkish Ambassador, the Israel Ambassador and Mrs Rafael, and representatives from the embassies and high commissions of the Federal Republic of Germany, Pakistan, India, Austria and Japan, Lady Hartwell, Lord Duncan-Sandys and M W. Baumgarten (chairman, Franco-British Council), Mr Roy Jenkins, MP, the Hon Dr Shirley Summerskill, MP, Sir Charles Troughton, Sir John Llewellyn (British Council), Mr Leon and Lady Bagrit, Mr Bernard Weatherill, MP (representing Her Majesty's Opposition).
M Pierre le Dilicocq (Alliance Française), Mr J. R. Ede (Keeper of Public Records), Mr R. Knittel (William Collins Publishers) and Mrs Knittel, Mr Gerald Long (Reuters), Sir David Tyler ("Daily Mail"), Mr Jan Leese ("Evening News"), Mr Anthony Howard ("New Statesman"), Mr and Mrs S. Yager, Mrs D. Hamilton-Davies, Mr Paul Thompson, Mrs L. C. Kitching, Mr H. Short, Mr C. Morley, Mr and Mrs Michael Wolff, and members and staff of both Houses of Parliament and representatives from Coventry.

Sir Dallas Bernard
A memorial service for Sir Dallas Bernard was held yesterday at St Michael's, Cornhill. Canon Norman Motley officiated, and Sir Jasper Hollom (Deputy Governor, also representing the Governor of the Bank of England) read the lesson. Among those present were:
Elizabeth Lady Bernard (widow), Sir Dallas and Lady Bernard (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs Gordon Strang and Mr and Mrs Bevan Meeres (sons-in-law and daughters), Mr Richard and Mr Andrew Strang, Mr Robin Cleverly and Juliet, Alicia and Sarah Bernard (grandchildren), Susan Lady Lawrence, Miss R. S. Addis, Mrs Charles Addis, the Hon Mrs Margaret Geddes and Mrs Jean Pownall (sisters-in-law), Mr and Mrs J. F. Corner and Mr and Mrs C. Booth (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), Mr and Mrs James Newton, Miss Angela Newton, Mrs Michael Warr, Mrs Richard Addis, Mr Gary Pownall, Captain and the Hon Mrs H. Drummond of Megginch.
Viscount Harcourt, Lord Catto, Lord Kearton, Lady Norman, Lord and Lady Cobbold, the Hon Isabel Catto (National YWCA), Sir Edmund Stockdale, Sir David Hill-Wood, Sir Arthur Knight (chairman, Courtaulds), Sir Alan Wilson, Sir Reginald Mathys, Sir George Abell, Sir Robert Micklethwait, QC, and Lady Micklethwait, Sir William Keswick, Lady Ashley Cooper, Sir Geoffrey Eley, Mr and the Hon Mrs J. P. Koppel, Mr Duncan Macintosh, Mr T. D. Vickers, Group Captain and Mrs A. M. Carey, Miss M. C. Cunliffe-Owen, Dr James Wilson, Mr F. C. Bagnall (British Nylon Spinners), Mr Hugh Barton, Mr Gordon Bayley, Mr Henry Keswick, Captain Andrew Yates, Mrs Michael Huxley, Miss Zelma Huxley, Dr G. Thalben-Ball, Mr R. H. Barkshire, Mr G. Tonge, Mr Quinton Hoare (board of The Proprietors of Hay's Wharf), Mr E. G. Parry, Mr Hugh Seccombe and Mrs A. J. F. Butty (YWCA Central Club), Mr P. A. S. Taylor, Mr G. Bowler (Sun Alliance and London Insurance Group), Mr Alan Reid (Matheson and Co), Mr E. P. Chappell (Morgan Grenfell and Co), Mr H. M. Dickie (Freshfields), Mr William Bruce (Royal Bank of Scotland), Mr A. Macqueen (chairman, British Bank of the Middle East) and Mrs Macqueen, Mr Gordon Calver, Mr Hilton Clarke, and Mr F. R. Miles and Mrs E. V. Bennett (Bank of England Rifle Club).

Funeral service

Miss Macdonald of Sleat
The funeral service for Miss Celia Violet Bosville Macdonald of Sleat took place in St Paul's Cathedral yesterday. Canon D. Webster officiated, assisted by the Rev John Llewellyn, the Rev S. Cutt and the Rev Dr Peter Lynn. Mr Ronald Atkin gave an address. Among those present were:
The Hon Lady Macdonald of the Isles (sister-in-law), Sir Ian Macdonald of Sleat, Mary, Lady Macdonald of Sleat, Mrs B. J. Ringrose, Major and Mrs Nigel Chamberlayne-Macdonald, Miss Janet Macdonald of Sleat, Miss Annabel Macdonald of Sleat, Miss Diana Chamberlayne-Macdonald, the Hon Marjorie Campbell, Lord Colgrain, Mrs George Parker-Jervis, Mrs James Parker-Jervis, Mrs M. Tankerville Chamberlayne.
Sir John Dykes Bower, Sir Edgar Williams (representing Rhodes Trust), Lady Longmore, Miss D. Penny (representing the Agent General for Queensland), Mr James Longmore, Mr Philip Crawshaw (Royal Over-Seas League), Miss M. Richards, Miss R. D. Morton-Evans (Dominion Fellowship), Miss J. Peebles (Friends of St Paul's Cathedral), Mrs A. King, Mr Ian Mactier (New Zealand Society), Mrs S. G. Kingsley (Victoria League for Commonwealth Friendship) and Miss J. Dunnall (William Goodenough House and the London House Trust).

Latest wills

£45,000 for charities

Lord Inverforth, of Regents Park, London, chairman of Andrew Weir and Co, left £512,704 net. He left £10,000 each to the Salvation Army, the Wildfowl Trust, Slimbridge, Imperial Cancer Research Fund, and Distressed Gentlefolk's Aid Association, and £5,000 to the Baltic Exchange Benevolent Fund.

Mr Herbert Samuel Jared Cook, of Weston-super-Mare, farmer, left £31,812 net. He left £50 each to two nieces, and the residue equally between the Imperial Cancer Research Fund and the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research.

Other estates include (net, before duty paid; duty not disclosed):
Brocklehurst, Lady, of Belgravia, London, wife of Sir Philip Brocklehurst £345,140
Raeburn, Lady, of Westminster, widow of Sir Ernest Raeburn £98,675
Bevington, Mr Robert James, of Blackheath, near Guildford £123,298
Fuller, Mr Geoffrey Mackney, of Harbledown, Kent, farmer £170,500
Grant, Miss Gladys, of Cardiff £112,736
Parr, Mr John Nowell, of Sunbury-on-Thames £111,722

OBITUARY

PROFESSOR STEPHEN ULLMANN

An eminent Romance philologist

Professor Stephen Ullmann, Professor of the Romance Languages in the University of Oxford and Fellow of Trinity College since 1968, died on January 10 at the age of 61. He was one of the most eminent Romance philologists this country has known and his death well before the age of retirement is a grievous loss to the discipline.

The son of a Hungarian Senior Civil Servant, Stephen Ullmann read Modern Languages at the University of Budapest where he took his PhD *summa cum laude* in 1936. Though the major cultural language of his background was French his interest turned strongly towards English and in 1939 he and his wife Susan came to reside permanently here. Throughout his career the two were inseparable. On scores of public occasions in this country, on extensive lecture tours in Europe, North America and Australia, the presence of Stephen without Susie was inconceivable.

That Ullmann was destined for pre-eminence was plain to those who knew him when he launched the Department of Romance Philology and General Linguistics at Glasgow just after the war. By 1949 he had added the D.Litt to his earlier doctorate. The publication in 1951 of his *Principles of Semantics*—which now will probably stand as his master work—gave finiteness to the newly revived study of linguistic meaning and won him international recognition. There followed a series of books on related topics, notably his *Précis de Sémantique*, written in 1952 at the request of his friend Professor Von Wartburg of Basle, and *Semantics: an Introduction to the Science of Meaning* (1962).

An opportunity to make a decisive impact in his chosen field came in 1952 with his appointment to the Chair of Romance Philology at Leeds, where he worked in harness with the late Professor G. T. Clapton—an epic combination of two unlike natures who nevertheless were as one in their scholarly integrity, greatness of heart and awesome physical presence. At this period the new study of stylistics began to occupy him increasingly, and here too he quickly achieved distinction with a succession of authoritative studies: *Style in the French Novel* (1957), *The Image in the Modern French Novel* (1960), *Language and Style* (1964), *Meaning and Style* (1973). It was at this time that he began to attract an entourage of research students who accompanied him for the rest of his life, above all during his tenure of the Oxford chair.

It is hard to hit off briefly the achievement of so enterprising a scholar. The sheer exuberance of his production was astonishing—a constant flow of articles in every important language journal and series, apart from major works. Yet he found time to sit on University committees, to join the Advisory Board of the periodicals *Archivum Linguisticum* (which he helped to found), *French Studies*, *Language and Style*, *Romance Philology and Style*; to serve actively on the councils of learned societies in France and Britain and to represent the Arts on the University Grants Committee. The Philological Society elected him President in 1970 and the Modern Language Association in 1973.

Linguists will remember Ullmann especially for the way he dominated every aspect of his subject. His mastery of fact and reference amounted to genius. There was a saying that anyone embarking upon a new programme of semantic or stylistic research had the alternatives of three months' bibliographical hard labour or the cost of a telephone call to Ullmann. His advice was always fruitful, generous and freely available.

Despite a hint of formality which enhanced his authority without offending, Stephen Ullmann was a gentle and in some ways a strangely diffident person. He lived at peace with colleagues, for he made no enemies and few had the intellectual presumption to offer him a challenge. A practising Christian and a devoted family man, he will be mourned by academic linguists the world over.

There three children of his marriage to Susan Gáspár in 1939: one son and two daughters.

M. PIERRE JEAN JOUVE

M Pierre Jean Jouve, the French poet and novelist has died in Paris at the age of 88. A poet of major stature it was only in comparatively recent years that he began to be appreciated outside France and indeed his acceptance inside France remained substantially a matter for other French poets rather than the poetry reading public. His own rejection of all his work before the collection *Le Paradis Perdu* (1929) also implied that his work had taken a new direction after that date.

As a poet he was initially under the spell of unanimism and he was much under the influence of Romain Rolland. From 1925 he shrugged off and repudiated this influence, committing himself to Roman Catholicism and to Freud. The work of this early maturity (though Jouve's new impulses came to him after the age of forty) was poetry of spiritual strife and drama. From *Les Noces* (1928) and *Sueur de Sang* (1933), Jouve went on to explore in ever increasing complexity, his sense of the ambiguities inherent in the strife between love of god and man's carnality, which is also capable of exalting him. This poetry, as did his novels which dealt with the same theme, verged on the obsessive, but it was a powerful obsession, always explored with an unswerving, sometimes even embarrassing, honesty of purpose and poetic integrity.

The Second World War compelled Jouve and his wife to flee to Switzerland and jolted him out of his preoccupation with his inner conflicts to the realities of the war around him. In exile he wrote poems on the outer conflicts of the war, resistance to the Germans and the welcome return to the continent of the allied forces in 1944. These were published in the collection *La Vierge de Paris* in 1946.

His later verse, exemplified by the poetry of *Mélodrame* and *Moires* continued his search for god but in less dramatic, less strife-torn, terms than those of *Sueur de Sang*. God is more acceptable and the earlier anguish of the man's search for life on earth is replaced almost with a weariness of it in the poet's quest for god.

His poetry has been relatively little translated into English though a selection *An Idiom of Night*, translated by Keith Bosley, appeared in 1969, coinciding with the publication of the fourth and final volume of *Pierre Jean Jouve: Poesie*, a new collected edition of Jouve's poetry, published in Paris in the same year. The first full length study of Jouve, in English, *The Poetry of Pierre Jean Jouve* by Margaret Callander, appeared in 1966.

By comparison with his verse, Jouve's novels have been somewhat neglected. *Paulina 1880* (1925) explored an unresolved conflict between salvation and damnation, a theme he returned to in his final novel, *La Scene Capitale* (1935), over whose simultaneously repellent and compelling integrity hangs a lingering sense of a possibly achievable grace.

Jouve published an autobiographical work *En Miroir* in 1954, was an essayist and translator of Shakespeare, and had written major works on Mozart and Alban Berg.

COLONEL P. G. STOCK

Colonel P. G. Stock, CB, CMG, CBE, FRCP, died on December 27, when only 95 days short of his hundredth birthday. He had had a very distinguished career in preventive medicine; many hundreds of thousands of men owed their lives to his knowledge, persistence and forward-thinking both in peace and, in particular, in the wars of 1914-18 and 1939-45.

Educated at Clifton, Bristol University and the Bristol Royal Infirmary, he joined the RAMC on obtaining his medical degree and at once went out to South Africa in 1900. His first appointment was as Regimental Medical Officer with the 8th Hussars and on the first day with the regiment his horse was shot under him. He was awarded the Queen's Medal with three clasps and the King's Medal with two clasps.

Until 1914 he held various posts in South Africa, including Medical Officer of Health in Johannesburg. He gained exceptional experience with creating and administering a large public health department in a rapidly growing community. Among other "firsts", he was responsible for the underground sanitation of the gold mines. In 1913 he was appointed MOH for the Union of South Africa.

He became Director of Medical Services with the force being organized to capture German South-west Africa in 1914. Realizing that casualties from disease would be astronomically high in that campaign, he asked General Botha to order that every man should be inoculated against enteric; this treatment had only recently been developed and Colonel Stock anticipated great resistance to mass inoculation. General Botha gave permission but when Stock followed this up with the request that Botha himself should be the first to be injected and that it should be given publicly on the parade ground, Botha showed marked reluctance. However, Stock's persuasion overcame the fears and the subsequent mass inoculation proved an outstanding success and was the forerunner of this form of preventive medicine in war.

After the SW African campaign Stock was sent to Europe to organize medical services for the South African contingent, but in 1917 was recalled urgently to go to German East Africa to reorganize medical services, for casualties from disease were very high. He returned to Europe in 1918. For his services he was made CB and CBE and was mentioned in despatches. He was also awarded an Hon Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons (Edinburgh), an honour that he probably enjoyed more than any other.

In 1920 Stock joined the medical staff of the Ministry of Health. From then onwards his work was very varied and important. He carried out enquiries into outbreaks of plague, cholera, typhus, malaria, anthrax and many other diseases; he worked on the planning and administration of hospitals, the health of the mercantile marine, port health administration, and so on. He became Senior Medical Officer to the Ministry of Health. As war approached he prepared work on air raid precautions and later supervised medical work in air raid shelters. Later he became Medical Consultant to the World Health Organisation.

After retirement he continued to give the benefit of his knowledge to numerous organisations. He took an intimate interest in the life of Ramsbury, the village where he and his wife settled, and also in local hospitals. He maintained his activity and quickness of brain until the end. Only three years ago, at the age of rising 97, he attended the parade on Memorial Sunday as usual. Scorning a car to take him the half mile from home to church, his tall figure could be seen striding down the middle of the street.

DR MILAN GAVRILOVIC

Dr Milan Gavrilovic, one of the founders of the Serbian Peasants' Party and minister in the Yugoslav Government in Exile during the war, died in Washington on January 1, aged 93. He studied law in his youth and for a while joined the Chetniks, guerrillas fighting the Turks in South Serbia.

His political career began in the foreign ministry in 1911. He was private secretary to the Serbian premier, Nikola Pasic, who had to face the Austrian ultimatum of 1914 which precipitated the First World War.

Between the wars Gavrilovic was a notable Yugoslav journalist and one of the founders of the Serbian Peasants' Party, of which he became president. He was exiled for a while after King Alexander suspended parliament in 1929. In 1940 he went to Moscow as ambassador.

He was expelled after the German occupation of Yugoslavia and came to London, where he became Minister of Justice in the Government in Exile. He supported Mihailovic against Tito and spent the rest of his life in exile. He is survived by his widow and five children.

SIR MICHAEL MALCOLM

Sir Michael Malcolm, Bt, died on January 10 at the age of 77. The son of Sir James Malcolm, 9th Baronet, he was educated at Eton and saw service in the First World War in the Scots Guards and was severely wounded. In the Second World War he worked first for the War Office and later the Foreign Office.

He was twice married and is succeeded by the son of his first marriage Mr David Peter Michael Malcolm.

Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Henry Goodhart, MC, late 14th/20th King's Hussars, who died on December 31, was appointed a Justice of the Peace for the North Riding in 1950.

Science report

Pregnancy: Reactions to termination

Eighteen months after termination of pregnancy most women seem to have fewer mental problems than before their operation and adverse reactions are rare. Those are the main findings of a psychiatric interview and follow-up of 360 women who had therapeutic abortion at Kings College Hospital, London, in 1971 and 1972, said to be the first large-scale survey of this kind since the Abortion Act came into force in 1968.

Almost all the patients in the survey had their pregnancies terminated on the grounds that continuation would involve risk of injury to the mother's mental health or to that of her children, but the report emphasizes that that provision was interpreted liberally and any risk, however small, was considered sufficient to warrant termination provided that it seemed greater than the risk of the termination procedure itself.

The first psychological assessment was made after the decision had been taken to terminate the pregnancy so that the answers the women gave should not have been coloured by any wish to influence that decision. The interviews were repeated three months and 18 months after the operation. Contact was maintained for only 60 of the women for the third interview; most of those who could not be traced had been single foreign girls who had presumably come to London to get an abortion. Before their operations 29 per cent of the women had been receiving psychiatric treatment and 37 per cent admitted to considerable or moderate feelings of guilt about the abortion.

At the second follow-up only 19 per cent were having treatment for psychiatric symptoms and only 7 per cent still had guilt feelings, including eight women who regretted the termination. Other measures of mental health also showed an improvement 18 months after the operation. Substantially fewer women were depressed and many reported an improvement in their sexual adjustment. No change was reported in marital relationships.

Some of the findings might have been expected: it is natural for a woman to feel more guilt and depression just before an abortion than 18 months after it, and sexual adjustment is not helped by an unwanted pregnancy. Nevertheless the findings confirm earlier reports that termination of pregnancy causes very little psychiatric disturbance and may be expected to help at least some women who have become depressed by their pregnancy.

No findings contrary to those reported have been published in Britain, the report says, and it concludes by claiming that the findings provide documentation for the belief that the Abortion Act has led to "relief from distress not measurable in statistical terms".

By Our Medical Correspondent
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doubled from £3,330m in the *previous period to £6,610m*—the highest figure for any account since records have been kept in their present form.
The value of equity deals rose 38 per cent, from £437.6m to £607.69m, in a period which included last Friday's late rush of business *which saw the FT* Index move over the 400 mark for the first time in more than two years.
In its present firm state the market seems able to absorb easily a generally depressing round of news. But what is worrying some observers is the effect a long stream of rights issues will have.
The "queue" is said to stretch over a period of three months and the companies to cover a wide spread of the market. Solid institutional demand took the index back over 400 yesterday with selective buying of the industrial leaders. The final calculation of 402.4 was a gain of 8 points over the day.

Gold price falls: Gold fell heavily yesterday. It dropped $5 to $131.75 from $136.75 at Monday's close. Dealers said that selling was heavy and sustained. It came from all quarters, including large investment funds and personal holders.
The apparent understanding *between the American and* French governments at the International Monetary Fund meeting in Jamaica was the main factor unsettling the market. The prospect of United States Treasury auctions overhanging the market for the next four years has also dampened sentiment.
Activity was buoyant throughout the day. For much of the morning there was almost no buying interest. However, as the price tumbled one or two cheap buyers appeared.

TUC accept economy proposals for steelmills

By Paul Routledge

Provisional agreement on far-reaching changes in employment practices in the state steel industry has been agreed with the TUC steel industry committee, according to a confidential document now in limited circulation among union leaders.
Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, is to meet the committee early next week towards the end of the 14-day period allowed by British Steel to secure widespread union acceptance of the provisional agreement.
The Government has so far maintained a studiously neutral position in the state steel wage bill dispute, although Mr Wilson has indicated to the unions that the Cabinet accepts the need for thoroughgoing economies to make the industry cost-effective.
The three-page document, agreed after talks lasting more than 20 hours at the weekend, will send a shudder of apprehension through the shopfloor.
It ties steel unions to acceptance of compulsory redundancies, measures to halt unofficial strikes and managerial prerogative in deciding where the guaranteed working week will be applied.
These hardline proposals, *designed to cut the British Steel* Corporation's annual wages bill by £170m this year, are only part of the eight-section joint statement which is being examined by all unions in the steel industry.
The provisional agreement opens with a preamble acknowledging that state steel "cannot continue to accept present employment practices which mean that even in its major plant BSC employees produce about 200 tonnes per man-year, whereas major plants in Europe and the rest of the world produce at least twice this figure".
The two sides recognize that this gap in comparative productivity "is such that a significant reduction in manpower *has to be made*".
The proposed agreement accepts that these cuts will vary between works, but insists: "The scale of the reductions needed is such that very significant changes in the organization and structure of work will be required so that working practices also match those of the corporation's competitors".
The statement argues that because of the big financial losses being made by state steel the unions must accept "necessary reductions in manpower and improvements in productivity commencing immediately to be completed within two years—taking maximum advantage of natural wastage.
In its most telling paragraph, the agreement says that the maximum opportunity for voluntary redundancy will be allowed. It adds: "But after jobs have been declared redundant, it is the corporation's intention that if the manpower has not been reduced within *12 weeks from the date when* jobs are declared redundant by management, other redundancy measures will have to be applied".

Crucial meeting of Gulf Oil board

Washington, Jan 13

Directors of the Gulf Oil Co, the seventh largest company in the United States, continued a board meeting today, which could result in a major reorganization of the company, including the dismissal of some top executives, disciplinary action against other senior members of management and the calling of a special meeting of shareholders.
The meeting started last night, and company spokesmen are refusing to make any comment about the proceedings. They are even refusing to state whether Mr Robert Dorsey, the chairman, and Mr E. D. Brockett, the former chairman and a director, are taking part in the meeting.
Both are deeply involved in a controversy over widespread illegal political contributions made by Gulf in the United States and abroad, which was the subject of a special company report issued at the end of December. The report suggested that both Mr Dorsey and Mr Brockett be excluded from today's meeting.
Gulf's directors asked Mr John McCloy, a New York lawyer not directly connected with the company, to compile a special report last year on its political activities following disclosures by the Watergate special prosecutor and the Securities and Exchange Commission concerning huge secret payments by Gulf to prominent political figures.
Mr McCloy has written a 298-page report detailing $12.3m (about £6.06m) in political payments by Gulf over the past 14 years. He concluded that the vast majority of these payments were "patently illegal".
The Gulf board must find a way to improve its now highly-tarnished image, and it is widely thought that Mr Dorsey's resignation will be sought. The board may also follow suggestions for a thorough reorganization of its legal department.
Disclosures about the company's illegal political payments has resulted in a number of suits against directors by shareholders demanding repayment to the company by the directors of all of the money spent on political activities.
Many directors claim they were kept in the dark about the payments, and some will seek a special meeting of shareholders to explain what has happened in the past and outline to shareholders steps now being taken to restructure the company.
But the controversy over political payments has forced much of the top management to neglect other pressing problems facing the company, so the board will try and resolve once and for all the political contributions issue so that more time can be devoted to other urgent corporate matters.
Gulf spokesmen did not know if any statement would be issued to the public following today's meeting.
The critical issues that the company must solve result from a series of dramatic events in the last half year that have sharply changed the shape of the company.
The company has taken a sharp drop in earnings, with latest figures for the first nine months of 1975 down 40 per cent at $530m.
Gulf has had its oil interests in Venezuela nationalized; it has been forced to relinquish to the Kuwaiti government its 40 per cent holding in its single most important oil field; it has failed to bring about a merger with Rockwell international; it has been forced to suspend operations in Angola and faces payments there of some $125m.
It has ended production at its general atomic enterprise of high-temperature nuclear gas reactors after heavy losses in this joint venture with Shell and it faces a host of legal actions by the SEC and shareholders concerning its illegal political activities.

Treasury go slow on Kissinger oil facility

From Our US Economics Correspondent

Washington, Jan 13

The special $25,000m (about £12,500m) support fund for oil consuming countries within the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development may have to be renegotiated, or may simply go out of existence, unless the United States Congress passes legislation dealing with the fund in the near future.
Staff members of the two main congressional committees concerned with this—the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Subcommittee on International Trade, Investment and Monetary Policy—say the prospect of Congress dealing with this matter in the next few months is remote.
"There is just no pressure from the Treasury right now for us to act, and without that pressure the matter will simply be forgotten up here", one of the congressional committee members states.
The agreement setting up the fund requires ratification by at least 15 countries accounting for 60 per cent of the fund's quotas within a year of its signature, which was the end of May last year.
So far, the United Kingdom has passed an Act giving its assent to ratification, and the French have also acted. But a number of governments have still to move on the scheme, and it became clear at the IMF meeting in Jamaica last week that both Germany and Japan are unwilling to ratify until the United States has acted.
Taken together, the United States, Germany and Japan account for 52 per cent of the quotas, *which makes* their approval essential for the scheme's implementation.
Known as the "safety net" the special fund was sponsored by Dr Kissinger, the Secretary of State.
He maintained that it would *increase the political solidarity* of oil consuming countries and give these countries much-needed financial support in the face of possibly huge oil-produced payments deficits.
It was only under immense pressure from Dr Kissinger that the British and West Germans, among others, were willing to support the scheme, rather than continue to press for an expansion of the IMF's oil facility.
The oil facility itself is about to come to an end and as a result the OECD fund could have increased importance, particularly for Italy and Britain.
At the moment the safety net appears to be a victim of disagreements between the American Department of the Treasury and the State Department. It is now the Treasury's responsibility, but congressional sources say Mr William Simon, the Treasury Secretary, has never attached as much importance to the scheme as Dr Kissinger did.
A new initiative from the Treasury could come soon, but congressional staff members say the Treasury has a long list of matters it regards as needing more urgent action than the "safety net".

Britain accused by EEC of unfair discrimination in placing rig orders

From David Cross
Brussels, Jan 13

Britain is being taken to task by the EEC for allegedly discriminating unfairly in favour of British companies in its moves to exploit North Sea oil.
In a Note which is being sent to London and other Community capitals, the European Commission accuses the United Kingdom of favouring British producers of oil rig equipment at the expense of their competitors in other member countries like Holland and France. This is incompatible with the Community's free competition rules, the Commission claims.
According to well-informed sources in Brussels, the British have been offering a 3 per cent interest subsidy on credits raised to finance the purchase of British material and services for oil rigs since the middle of 1973.
This state aid was originally cleared by the Commission's anti-trust department, mainly on the ground that there was a shortage of such equipment in the Community at the time. In addition other suppliers outside the Community, like the Norwegians, the Americans and the Japanese provided export incentives for their suppliers of similar equipment and services.
In the meantime, however, production facilities in other member states have improved, and companies in countries like Holland and France are now at a competitive disadvantage on the British market.
The Commission argues that the solution to this problem would be for the British to offer similar interest subsidies to firms in other Community countries. This would enable free trade in the community to be restored, and all EEC producers to compete fairly with suppliers in non-member countries.
Under Community rules, the British have a month to reply to the Commission's allegations. If they fail to respond to the initiative, the Commission can open formal legal proceedings, which could end up in the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg.
Articles 92 and 93 of the Treaty of Rome forbid government aids which distort or threaten to distort competition by favouring certain undertakings or the production of certain goods with certain exceptions.
Roger Vielvoye writes: A spokesman for the Department of Energy said last night that there had been no previous indication from the Commission that they were unhappy with the scheme that they had approved in 1973. They had not previously been asked to abolish the scheme. No further comment could be made until the letter had been officially received.
Without the interest subsidy, the Government feels that the United Kingdom offshore industry would be at a disadvantage compared with continental manufacturers, who could get similar benefits from their own export credit support operations.



Lord Briginshaw: part of a 12-man team.

Lord Briginshaw joins BNOC board part-time

By Roger Vielvoye

Lord Briginshaw, the former general secretary of the National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media Personnel was yesterday appointed as a part-time member of the British National Oil Corporation on the eve of the board's first meeting in Glasgow.
Under the chairmanship of Lord Kearton, the 12-man board will take a number of decisions connected with formal running of the corporation. No major policy decisions are expected at this stage.
After the meeting, the board will be entertained to lunch, by Mr Benn, the Secretary of State for Energy. Mr Benn has a further eight places to fill on the BNOC board. So far there has been a conspicuous absence of any members with practical experience of oil company affairs.

Doubts over BP Alaskan gas deal with US

A question mark overhangs the status of British Petroleum's Alaskan gas supply arrangements with an American utility following the ending of a similar agreement between Atlantic Richfield and a Californian gas company.
Atlantic Richfield, which has a share of the BP/Sohio Prudhoe Bay oil and gas field, said yesterday it had ended the agreement giving Pacific Lighting exclusive negotiating rights to 60 per cent of the oil company's Alaskan gas.
Mr Thornton F. Bradshaw, Atlantic Richfield president, said the decision followed the Federal Power Commission's action in directing retroactive ending of advance payments by utilities for funding Alaskan gas operations.

Conoco's exploration budget cut by $16m

By Our Energy Correspondent

Conoco, the operator for a North Sea oil exploration group that includes the British National Oil Corporation and Gulf Oil has made a substantial cut in its budget for exploration activities outside the United States.
Exploration expenditure in all areas, including the North Sea, is being reduced this year to $59m from $75m. But the amount of money being spent on the development of oil and gas finds made in previous years has increased from $113m to $164m.
Mr Howard W. Blauvelt said expenditure on oil development outside the United States would be directed primarily at its reserves in the North Sea. The Conoco group is involved in the development of the Dunlin and Thistle oilfields and the Viking gas field. It also has an interest in the Hutton and Statfjord fields.
A detailed breakdown of how the cut in exploration funds will affect Conoco's operations in the North Sea is not yet available.
Biggest competitor to the North Sea operations in Conoco's $1,005m budget is spending on the development of the company's coal interests in the United States' mainly in the western states. Expansion by the Consolidation Coal Co, second largest producer in the United States, will absorb nearly 20 per cent of the total cash available.

US Comptroller's warning

By Our Banking Correspondent

Mr James Smith, American Comptroller of the Currency, yesterday reiterated that neither First National City Bank nor Chase Manhattan Bank were "problem banks". But he gave a warning that American banks could see more "charge-offs" on their loan books over the next two quarters.
Mr Smith was speaking in London at the start of a European tour which comes just after reports in the *Washington Post* that the two banks were on his problem list.
He said it was standard practice to require more frequent reporting by banks when their classified assets (essentially problem loans), reached a particular level in relation to equity capital.
He said the two banks were "touched by these procedures", and that practically every major American bank would be touched by them. But he did not think this simple standard was "a relevant or useful indicator in today's climate".
After taking account of loan provisions, he said the earnings of the two banks were quite satisfactory. Further provisions would be within the capacity of the major banks.
"We expect 1976 to be a rather flat year in terms of earnings, but we see definite progress and improvement", he said. As far as New York was concerned, he felt "very comfortable" about the situation today.

Opec ministers in Vienna talks

Finance experts from the 13 members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries met in Vienna yesterday—the first session of any of the organization's working parties since the terrorist attack on the headquarters last month.
Under heavy security, they prepared the way for a meeting of Opec finance ministers scheduled for Vienna on January 26 to discuss the organization's plans for a fund to help the developing countries.
No decision has yet been taken on where and when oil ministers representing the 13 countries will resume the interrupted December meeting.

How the markets moved

The Times index: 167.27 +2.34
The FT index: 402.4 +8.0

Rises

Barclays Bank	5p to 320p	GEC	5p to 156p
Courtaulds	4p to 164p	Hawker Sidd	16p to 392p
Distillers	3p to 149p	Imp Chem Ind	7p to 362p
Dunlop	3p to 77p	Mono Cont	2p to 26p
EMI	3p to 244p	Shell	6p to 402p
ERF Hldgs	2p to 26p	Stanley	7p to 92p
Fodens	2p to 19p	Wigfall	11p to 200p

Falls

Beecham	2p to 352p	Lyles S	4p to 48p
De Beers	10p to 550p	Marievale Con	15p to 175p
Fairfax Jersey	1p to 14p	Steinberg	2p to 15p
Grootvlei	5p to 100p	Toye	2p to 29p
Hamersley	5p to 185p	UC Invest	10p to 275p
Imp Cont Gas	5p to 345p	Wade Pott	2p to 23p
Leslie	4p to 55p	Weyburn Eng	5p to 470p

Equities came to life in the afternoon session with good demand from the institutions.
Gilt-edged securities had another busy day.
Sterling was 60 pts down at $2.0250. The "effective devaluation" rate was 30.2 per cent.
Gold was $5 an ounce down at $131.75.
SDR-$ was 1.7442 on Monday, while SDR-£ was 0.577707.
Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1197.5 (previous 1190.8).
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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.68	1.62
Austria Sch	38.50	36.50
Belgium Fr	83.50	80.50
Canada $	2.09	2.04
Denmark Kr	12.80	12.40
Finland Mkk	8.00	7.75
France Fr	9.30	9.00
Germany Dm	5.45	5.25
Greece Dr	80.00	75.00
Hongkong $	10.40	10.00
Italy Lr	1545.00	1490.00
Japan Yn	645.00	620.00
Netherlands Gld	5.55	5.35
Norway Kr	11.55	11.20
Portugal Esc	69.00	60.00
S. Africa Rd	2.12	1.88
Spain Pes	124.75	119.25
Sweden Kr	9.15	8.85
Switzerland Fr	5.45	5.25
US $	2.07	2.02
Yugoslavia Dnr	41.50	38.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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Summary of Audited Accounts
for the year ended 31st December 1975

Balance Sheet	1975 £'000	1974 £'000
Assets		
Cash at Banks, Money at Call and Short Notice, CD's and Bills of Exchange	65,875	62,337
Deposits with Banks	51,256	31,442
Loans and Advances Repayable within 1 year	59,334	39,193
Loans and Advances Repayable after 1 year	78,503	63,574
Customers' Liabilities for Acceptances	7,910	7,047
Other assets	10,235	5,587
Total Assets	253,113	209,180
Less Liabilities		
Current and Deposit Accounts	218,976	178,844
Certificates of Deposit	2,595	3,445
Acceptances Payable	7,910	7,047
Other Liabilities	6,910	6,253
	£16,722	£13,591
Represented by Shareholders' Interest		
Share Capital	7,000	7,000
General Reserve	1,500	1,500
Retained Earnings	809	94
Convertible Subordinated Loan 1987 (1982)	7,413	4,997
	£16,722	£13,591

Profit and Loss Account	1975 £'000	1974 £'000
Trading Profit for the year before Taxation and Interest on Subordinated Loan	2,092	2,199
Less Interest on Subordinated Loan	517	487
Profit before Taxation	1,575	1,712
Taxation	860	940
Profit after Taxation	715	772
Retained Earnings brought forward	94	72
	809	844
Transfer to General Reserve	—	750
Retained Earnings carried forward	£809	£94

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rley plea for early /estment decisions

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Varley, Secretary of or Industry, confirmed ay that the first of the ment's strategy reports dernizing key sectors of y will be ready by early r.
was speaking on the eve National Economic De- nent Council meeting, a list of 30 industries e submitted on which in- alists, trade unionists, and servants can concentrate deas for reforms.
Varley hoped the council endorse the Govern- proposed programme of d sectoral discussions to y what needs to be done state, management, and
The objectives were to e productivity, get more existing plant and invest technologies.
hope to have the first e reports by early sum- lthough, of course, any ry action won't have to until then", Mr Varley, is addressing the Ameri- amber of Commerce in , continued.
old the businessmen it y alarming that, after for inflation, manufac- investment this year e at its lowest level for
crucial that investment, l to increase for the ne in three years in according to recent be brought forward sooner when world demand was widely expected to quicken significantly later this year.
There was more optimism now, yet there remained an appalling danger that, by waiting too long, some companies would only manage to bring new capacity on stream as the peak of the economic cycle passed.
It was clear that without investment, companies would rapidly cease to be competitive *and worries about the future* would become self-fulfilling. The country was not under any illusion about the amount of work still to be done before Britain achieved a really strong economy.
A greater flexibility among the unions was needed, Mr Varley said, "over matters like overmanning, and restrictive practices, differentials, attitudes to new technologies, and redundancies in declining industries".
Management had to make sure investment was adequate and workers fully involved in decisions affecting their lives. Government would be giving priority to industrial needs and providing a greater continuity of policy while trying to remove obstacles to growth and encourage a transfer of resources from industries with poor prospects to those with the potential to grow.
Yesterday, the Neddy office announced the appointment of Mr Bernard Asher, an executive with Standard Telephones and Cables, as its industrial director.

n rise in sh Gas loans

ued strength in the d market has enabled ish Gas Corporation to e the size of its five- obond issue from $40m The 9 per cent offer- pected to be priced at
rospectus for the issue eals that British Gas has ubstantial other sums t months which it had reviously announced. st March the Corpora- s borrowed the equiva- £106.5m from foreign it states.
, £47.8m came from the a Investment Bank, but ainder, nearly £60m, to have come from pri- rces. It is thought the ve been raised through placings with investors Middle East, on the of an earlier $150m anged by North Scot- iro Electric Board.

Illness forces resignation of FMC chief

Mr Colin Stokes has resigned as chief executive of FMC, the meat wholesaling organization, where he also ceases to be a director. This is on medical advice, FMC said last night.
The executive deputy chairman, Mr Jack Clarfelt, is to combine his existing position with that of managing director.
FMC was the scene of some boardroom turmoil after the National Farmers' Union Development Trust gained control of the meat organization in November. This resulted in the removal of the FMC executive chairman, Mr J. Anson Payne. Mr David *Darbishire, of the NFU*, was appointed non-executive chairman.
Mr Stokes has "recently undergone a major operation and is relinquishing his posts on medical advice", FMC said. The board had "reluctantly" accepted his resignation by mutual agreement.

nanian bonds freeze

gs in seven Romanian ere suspended yester- he London Stock Ex- ending clarification of tlement announced Romania and the overnment on Monday. s in Romanian bonds had been more active recently as hopes rose that the country might make an offer to settle after nearly 30 years of refusal.
Full details of the agreement settling British nationals' claims will be made public after presentation to Parliament, probably by the end of this week.

House prices rose last year by 1 pc a month

House prices rose at the rate of about 1 per cent a month during 1975, according to the Nationwide Building Society which yesterday published its latest bulletin on house prices.

New houses rose slightly more than second-hand homes, showin gan average increase of 13 per cent last year compared with 12 per cent for second-hand houses. The average price of a new house at the end of last year was £12,604, and £11,582 for other houses.

Mr Leonard Williams, the chief general manager of Nationwide, pointed out that there had been a strong revival i nthe housing market in 1975. Building societies lent almost £5,000m to finance more than 60,000 houses—almost as many as in the peak year of 1972.

Turkish tax threat delays lorry services

Delays in long-distance lorry services between Europe and the Middle East have followed the Turkish authorities' decision to levy new taxes on vehicles in transit. After representations by governments, a three-month stay of implementation is being observed on transit permits and weight and length charges.

But a fuel tax, it is reported in Geneva, is now being applied. According to the International Road Transport Union, this alone adds about £90 to the cost o fa delivery run from Europe to Iran via Turkey for a 20-ton truck.

Japan bankruptcies

Bankruptcies in Japan reached a new post-war peak last year at 12,606 companies, an increase of 8 per cent on 1974. They incurred total combined debts of 1,914.645m yen (about £3,078m) an increase of 16 per cent, according to the Tokyo Commerce and Industry Research Company.

Night aid for pilots

Contracts worth "tens of millions of pounds" for an aircraft windscreen display which enables pilots to see in the dark are foreshadowed from orders received by Marconi-Elliott Avionic Systems, part of the GEC group. The device is being tested on American Navy jets and is being evaluated by the Ministry of defence.

Bigger gas plant

Phillips Petroleum is to double the size of its Ekofisk North Sea gas reception and processing centre near Emden, in West Germany. Gas is distributed from the centre to utilities in Germany, Holland, France and Belgium.

Aluminium destocking

Further confirmation of the slow rundown in world aluminium stocks is provided in figures issued by the International Primary Aluminium Institute in London. These show that total inventories stood at 4.8 million tonnes at the end of last November, a drop of 106,000 tonnes on the peak summer level.

MPs fail to enforce industrial democracy in new state bodies

By Stephen Goodwin
Parliamentary Staff

A group of Labour left-wingers yesterday failed in a bid to make the promotion of industrial democracy a statutory duty of the proposed British Shipbuilders and British Aerospace Corporations.

Mr Stanley Thorne, MP for Preston, South, told the Commons Standing Committee considering the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill that industrial democracy was nothing more than a notion that the Government paid lip-service to from time to time.

But Mr Kaufman, Minister of State for Industry, said industrial democracy was something that had to grow organically from the combined will and determination of all those who worked in the industry.

Mr Kaufman said that following assurances he made before Christmas he had received encouraging replies from the chairman of both the organizing committees of the two industries regarding industrial democracy.

He intended to have comprehensive consultations to seek views from all levels, particularly those of workers at the point of production, during the Committee stage of the Bill.

The results of these consultations would be embodied in amendments the Government would put forward at the Report stage of the Bill. These would either be acceptable to MPs in the light of their knowledge of the consultations or they could put down their own amendments.

Mr Kaufman unsuccessfully urged Labour backbenchers to withdraw an amendment which, if passed, would have required British Aerospace to encourage the development of a strong and organic form of industrial democracy within the industry.

The amendment was subsequently defeated by 21 votes to six, the Conservatives voting with the Government.

Those who voted for the amendment were the Labour members Mr Ronald Thomas, Bristol, North West; Mr Thorne; Mr Eric Hoyle, Nelson and Colne; Mr Russell Kerr, Hounslow, Feltham and Heston; Mr David Lambie, Central Ayrshire, and Mr Gordon Wilson, Dundee, East. Scot Nat.

Mr Tom King, Conservative MP for Bridgwater and an Opposition spokesman on industry, said he was against politicians deciding in Parliament the form that industrial democracy should take in different companies.

It was for people in the industries to evolve the most satisfactory method of participation and involvement.

Survey finds British optimistic on economy

From David Cross
Brussels, Jan 13

British consumers are surprisingly optimistic about the future of the economy, according to the European Community's latest consumer survey published in Brussels today.

The report, based on a representative sample of 40,000 households in all EEC member states except Luxembourg, shows that pessimism in both Britain and the Republic of Ireland is clearly diminishing. By contrast, scepticism about the economic outlook has increased in West Germany.

The British and Irish no longer expect the number of unemployed and consumer prices to increase as sharply as in the past. The Dutch, Belgians and Italians, however, have become more pessimistic, and expect unemployment and inflation to gather speed.

But there are still widespread fears in Britain, Ireland and Italy that real incomes will fall this year. The French and the Danes are the most optimistic about an increase in their spending powers.

The survey shows that demand for consumer durables is beginning to pick up in all member countries except Belgium. The British are among those who feel that the time is now ripe to buy goods like cars, televisions, dishwashers, washing machines and freezers.

In an analysis of the results of the survey, the European Commission says that private consumption will probably recover in the months to come. This trend will be strongest in Denmark and France and least marked in Belgium and Italy.

The main explanation for increasing consumer demand in Denmark and France, the commission surmizes, lies in the relatively favourable income expectations among households there. In most other countries, except Ireland, it is principally due to an expected decline in savings.

Five briefs on inflation accounting

By Our Financial Staff

The inflation accounting steering group, set up last week under the chairmanship of Mr Douglas Morpeth, has held its first meeting and set up five working parties.

One of the working parties (chaired by Mr J. Pearcy) will consider the problems of the valuation of fixed assets and the calculation of depreciation.

A second work party (chaired by Mr G. Wilson) will consider stock valuation and the "cost of sales" adjustment.

The working parties that could well have the most difficult tasks are those considering the legal implications of inflation accounting (chaired by Mr I. M. Bowie) and the contentious issue of the treatment of monetary items. This latter group (to be chaired by Professor H. Edey) has as its full terms of reference the consideration of the accountancy profession's reactions to Sandilands, the problems of the treatment of liabilities, the treatment of monetary assets and the valuation of marketable and unquoted securities.

A fifth working party, led by Mr I. F. H. Davison, will prepare manuals for guidance

Bonn exchange rate 'windfall'

The downward trend of the Deutsche Mark on Foreign exchange markets in 1975 has brought the West German Federal Bank a sudden "profit" of DM5,500m (over £1,000m).

According to the bank's latest reserves statement, its net foreign assets rose by DM5,800m at the end of December to DM84,500m, of which DM72,700m were net currency reserves.

Some DM5,500m of the increase is due to a "revaluation" of the bank's dollar holdings.

French employers reject comanagement

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, Jan 13

The French employers' federation (CNPF), which is holding its general assembly in Paris this week, collided with the Government's policy of reform today by rejecting the notion of "cosupervision" of workers in industry.

This is one of the far-reaching recommendations of the Sudreau report on company reform published early last year.

M Ambroise Roux, a vice-president of CNPF, and president of the Compagnie Générale d'électricité, said that joint works committees had become an "organ of challenge much more than an organ of cooperation". Cosupervision presented grave dangers.

"Let each one choose quite freely the type of society he wants . . . but we must reject with the utmost vigour formulas which under diverse labels aim through comanagement at unionizing and paralysing the management of firms."

M François Ceyrac, who was reelected chairman of CNPF for another three-year term, was critical of the attacks against employers in recent months.

"We have been calumnied, vilified, in an intolerable fashion. We have reacted and shall do so again in order to restore the facts.

"Those who led these attacks and whose avowed objective is to abolish entrepreneurial freedom hope we shall yield. They are wrong", he declared at the opening of the assembly, which was attended by 500 employers and representatives of professional organizations.

He said it was necessary to remove the existing obstacles to laying off of staff in order to promote employment. Many employers hesitate to take on staff because they fear their hands will be tied.

£8.5m budget for pit expansion

From Ronald Kershaw

Development costing £8.5m is to be spent by the National Coal Board on Ackton Hall Colliery, Yorkshire, in the first phase of a plan aimed at making the pit a million-tons-a-year colliery.

It is expected that the pit, which at present produces 604,000 tons a year, will rise to 831,000 tons immediately after the development.

It is designed to extend operations into new reserves in the Haigh Moor seam, replacing partly worked out areas of coal in the Silkstone seam.

The scheme is part of the plan to replace two million tons of mining capacity in the north Yorkshire area, which is expected to disappear through exhaustion during the next 10 years. Nationally, £1,400m is being spent on the government plan for coal.

Shipbuilding chief named

Mr Kenneth Griffin, an industrial adviser in the Department of Industry and a former full-time union official, has been confirmed as a deputy chairman designate of British Shipbuilders, the new state-owned organization.

The appointment was announced yesterday by Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry.

Mr Griffin, who is 47, joins Mr Graham Day, chief executive of Cammell Laird Shipbuilders

Poorest nations seek debt relief

Paris, Jan 13.—Third World countries will ask for emergency solutions to the debt problem of the poorest developing nations at negotiations later this year with the world's major industrial power, reliable sources said here today. They have also agreed that discussion is needed on energy supplies to non-oil developing countries "with reference to their balance of payments position", the source said.
Agence France-Presse.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Computer security and what is required of management

From Mr A. A. Benjamin

Sir, In the summer of 1971 the media highlighted a series of attacks on the computer suggesting that there was a high rate of unsuccessful installations and that a small number of companies had discontinued using them and reverted to "normal" administration.

The debate at the time featured a response from the computer industry to these attacks along the lines that there were management failures at the heart of the matter.

More recently there has been another flurry of publicity relating to the abuse of computer systems for the purposes of fraud and embezzlement as well as the potential dangers to privacy and personal information.

This raises the whole subject of computer security and again management's role in relation thereto. The development of thinking on the social impact of computing insists that adequate measures are planned and taken where computer installations become part of the business lifeline. Security has of course two aspects in this regard—disruption through accident and abuse through criminal acts.

It is clear that management has been complacent in considering the character of security measures for computing and reluctant in spending (investing?) on systems of security control. Practitioners in the computing industry have, and have had for some time, the technical means of improving computer security but they do not usually hold the purse strings.

It is arguable that as a professional body they have too been somewhat complacent in recognizing the vital character of security. Imagine the chaos in banks, air lines, energy plants, government departments, pay offices and local authorities if computing were to be vulnerable through lack of management action.

Through the British Computer Society, advice and cooperation are available and the National Computing Centre has published useful data concerning the problem. The NCC have also formed a National Advisory Council on Computer Security and my association is duly represented with an informed cross section of interested parties.

There is one further acutely important development. The recent advent of the small business computer has opened the prospect of computing to a wide range of small businesses. Computer costs are reducing and the computing services industry will be hard pressed to ensure tha this expansion provides better business results and not administrative catastrophe. Before this explosion occurs management must recognize the security aspect and plan to deal with it systematically.

So the mechanisms exist, the techniques are available and the problem is highlighted. It now requires the concerted action of industrial, commercial and public management to act and spend before the problem becomes serious and the computer again falls into disrepute for lack of management attention.

Yours faithfully,
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January 6.

Fair treatment from insurers

From Mr R. C. W. Bardell

Sir, Referring to the letters from Mr Montlake and Mr Rawlence in your columns (January 12) on under-insurance, although household policy wordings are not standard, the BIA has already stated that claims in the aftermath of the recent storms will be dealt with quickly and fairly. Companies will do everything possible to see that, except in blatant cases, failure to keep sums insured up-to-date will not bear harshly on private policyholders.

Continuing and widespread under-insurance is against the interests of the policyholder and the insurance companies. Premium rates are calculated on the basis of full valuation and indeed the contract with the policyholder is based upon a full value declaration. To adopt the basis of partial valuation suggested by Mr Montlake would require rates perhaps as much as three or four times the present modest 12.5 pence per £100 value insured for buildings. Otherwise it would be impossible to secure equitable contributions from a large body of policyholders to the pool from which claims are paid.

In the case of older commercial buildings referred to by Mr Rawlence, this raises a number of difficult problems depending upon whether or not there is a wish or intention to reinstate the property either at all or possibly in a revised form. Insurers are always ready to discuss these problems with property owners or their advisers with a view to arranging appropriate cover.

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Unexplained holiday surcharges

From Mr G. Blunt

Sir, Certain travel tour operators are adding unexplained currency surcharges to their 1975 invoices. Breakdowns are withheld on a take-it-or-leave-it basis.

For a March 1975 holiday in Sicily a 10 per cent surcharge on the 1975/76 winter brochure price is nearer 14 per cent, as almost half are sterling costs. Yet the pound has dropped vis-à-vis the lira by only 3 per cent since June 1975.

This suggests a deceitful method of boosting profits.

Yours faithfully,
G. BLUNT,
5 Priory Crescent,
Wembley,
Middlesex.

Examples of diesel efficiency

From Mr G. E. Middleton

Sir, I just cannot agree with your correspondent Mr N. Feast (January 7) in his assessment of the diesel engine, when used in private cars.

British Leyland did in fact produce a diesel version of the Farina A55/60 series in the early sixties. It is also interesting to note that London taxi-cabs (of which BL has the largest market share) are mostly diesel-powered. This is a good example of diesel efficiency; these cabs are in daily use, they are mostly employed on short runs and they cover many thousands of miles per year.

With a 70 mph speed limit that would seem to be with us for ever more (remember most roads are 50 mph) does the public require high top speeds? Perhaps if cars had slower acceleration there may be fewer accidents.

Being able to run a car on cheap fuel with greater milage, I would be one of the first in the queue to buy, especially if it had "made in Great Britain" written on it.

Yours faithfully,
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Business appointments

Mr McKay is News International managing director

Mr Alick McKay has been named group managing director of News International, owners of the Sun and News of the World. He is at present deputy chairman of the group. Mr A. C. Hardy has been made deputy group managing director.

Mr L. L. Johnson, Mr P. A. Mann and Mr I. A. Crabbie have joined the board of Berry Wiggins. Mr V. S. N. Beddous and Mr K. H. Davison have resigned from the board.

Mr R. H. King has been made a non-executive director of Lankro Chemicals.

Mr J. H. Gaunt has become a director of Attock Petroleum.

Mr Louis Heymann has been appointed a director of Anglo Welsh Investment Trust. Mr R. M. Cox-Johnson has resigned.

Mr Robin Herbert has joined the board of Leopold Joseph Investment Trust. Mr R. M. Cox-Johnson has resigned from the board.

Mr David Fennell has been named assistant managing director of Newcastle Chronicle & Journal.

Mr P. B. Hamilton, joint managing director of the Firth Cleveland sub-group of GKN and chairman of the Powder Met division, has taken on the additional role of managing director of the division and chairman of its constituent companies. He takes up these posts in succession to Mr M. O. Bumfrey, who has been appointed president of the division's American interests. Mr M. Boorky, previous holder of the latter posts, has been appointed to the new position of non-executive chairman of Presmet Corporation.

Mr J. F. Denholm has joined the board of the Clydesdale Investment.

Mr T. H. Bevan and Mr D. G. Scholey have joined the board of Union Discount. Mr Bevan is deputy chairman of Barclays and Mr Scholey is vice-chairman of S. G. Warburg.

Sr Emilio de Ybarra y Churruca has been made chief executive director of Banco de Bilbao.

Lord Mais has joined the board of Peachey Property Corporation.

Mr E. Griffiths has become a director of Crane Fruehauf.

Mr A. S. Gray has been made a director of Antony Gibbs & Sons.

Mr J. H. Murray has resigned as a director of Ball and Collins (Oil and Gas) on taking up a senior appointment with the National Enterprise Board.

Mr G. A. Smith, managing director of Cammell Laird Shipbuilders, also becomes chief executive, in succession to Mr J. G. Day who has been seconded to the organizing committee for British Shipbuilders and has resigned as deputy chairman and chief executive of the company.

Mr James Roxborough has joined the board of the Petroleum Industry Training Board.

Mr G. J. Suckling, group managing director, has been appointed chairman and chief executive of East Sussex Engineering.

Miss Winifred Sainer is the new managing director of Cresta Silks, a member of the Debenhams Group.

Mr Simon L. D. Few has become managing director of J. H. Minet & Co, South America Area Division. Mr Paul Cotterill has joined the board of J. H. Minet & Co, Oil, Gas & Petrochemical Division, and Mr Richard J. Green the board of the company's Middle East Area Division.

Mr E. E. Chapman is now a director of Berkeley Hambro.

Mr R. L. E. Keates, a main board member of Richards & Wallington Industries Limited, has joined the board of Richards & Wallington (London) Limited.

Mr G. Stillebacher is appointed managing director of Bound Brook Italia SpA and a director of GKN Powder Met Limited.

Mr T. M. O'Farrell has resigned as a director of Land Value.

Mr C. S. Elliott has been appointed vice chairman and Mr G. R. Halliwell managing director of White & Co, the international moving and storage company.

Mr Kenneth J. Sharp, head of the Government Accountancy Service, has taken up his additional role as Accountancy Adviser to the Department of Industry.

Mr W. F. Shutler has been named managing director of Emco Wheaton UK.

Mr Brian Rosser becomes company secretary and director of the Powell Duffryn Wagon Company, Cardiff.

Mr Ray Howell has joined the board of Hoechst UK.

Mr L. Brett has been appointed managing director of Medens Trust in place of Mr G. F. Corber, who has retired.

Mr J. F. P. Albert has succeeded Mr A. E. Hudson as chairman of Barking Zinc Oxide. Mr J. Mannox and Mr L. R. Dowsett have joined the board.

Messrs. L. E. W. Heath and B. D. B. Palmer have left the board of Kimpher.

Messrs H. M. Cohen, B. D. Cohen and C. A. Renton have joined the board of Highland Electronics Group.

Mr Henry Weavers, deputy chairman of H. S. Weavers (Underwriting) Agencies, has joined the board of London United Investments, the parent company.

Dr G. Bossini has been appointed managing director of Marchon Italiana, Albright & Wilson's Italian subsidiary.

Dr Friedrich Karl Flick and Herr Günter Max Paefgen, both general partners of Friedrich Flick KG, and Dr Werner Kneip, president of Dynamit-Nobel AG, have been elected to the board of W. R. Grace and Co.

Mr Richard Harrison has been made chief executive of the Harrison Group.

Mr K. C. Weedy has resigned from the board of Reed and Smith Holdings and Mr D. Harrison succeeds him as chairman.

Mr H. J. Stucke has been appointed a director of Charter Consolidated. Mr M. W. Stephenson has resigned.

Mr D. Riley has been appointed joint managing director of George M. Whiley. Mr R. A. Maureso and Mr M. L. Hellenberg join the board.

Mr E. D. Barkway and Mr J. V. Woollam have been appointed directors of First Talisman Investment.

Mr G. H. D. Green has resigned from the board of CCH Investments.

Mr Alan Coombs becomes director of United Kingdom sales with CMG Computer Management.

Mr Harold Purnell becomes sales director of Trist Draper.

VOSPER THORNYCROFT LIMITED

Record Group Turnover and Profits

	Year to 31st October 1975	Year to 31st October 1974
	£'000	£'000
Turnover	82,050	57,052
Trading Profit	4,806	2,966
Shipbuilding Grant	—	920
Profit before Tax	4,033	3,076
Taxation	2,051	1,614
Profit after Tax	1,982	1,462
Extraordinary Items	148	14
Dividends	226	212
Profit Retained	1,904	1,236
Earnings per Share (Net)	32.89p	24.26p
Dividend per Share (Net)	3.76p	3.52p

Comments on 1975 Results

1. Trading Profit £4.8m increased by 52% over 1974.
2. Turnover £82m increased by 44% over 1974.
3. Profits reinvested in the Group £1.9m, represent 89% of Profit after Tax.
4. The 1975 results have been achieved without any Government assistance i.e. Shipbuilding Construction Grant. At no time has the Group been eligible for Regional Employment Premium.
5. British Government contracts contributed less than 5% of Profit before Tax.
6. Political and economic conditions make forecasting particularly difficult, but current predictions indicate further profit growth in 1976.
7. World demand for warships continues to be promising and it is to be hoped that the threat of State ownership and the continuance of an unacceptable level of inflation will not have a damaging effect on the Group's export prospects.

The Group's 10 year Record
(Since the merger of Vosper and Thornycroft)

- Total Orders received £440m. of which less than 15% was from the British Government.
- Of shipbuilding orders, exports represent 80%, recognised by three Queen's Awards.
- Annual Turnover has increased from £6m to £82m.
- Profits before taxation have increased from £380,000 to £4,030,000.
- Profits retained and reinvested represent 76% of net attributable profit.
- Total funds employed by the Group have risen from £2.5m to £17m.
- Numbers employed have increased by more than 50% and are now in excess of 7,200.

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SUMMARY OF 1975 REPORT

	1975 £000	1974 £000
Sales were	58,000	43,000
Profit before tax was	5,034	2,035
It is proposed the profit be used		
for taxation	2,293	989
to pay dividends	778	582
for retention in the business	1,963	354
Net borrowings were	2,093	9,779
Earnings per share (25p) were	8.1p	3.2p
Total dividends paid and proposed per share are	2.188p	1.9p

Serck as a whole has had a good year; every company in the Group made a positive contribution. Outside the United Kingdom our business continued to improve so that approximately 45 per cent of Group sales and 50 per cent of Group profit arose from sales to overseas customers.

The outcome was favourably influenced by high demand from the energy industries world wide, which our range of products and international reputation qualified us to meet.

Liquidity is now much improved and this has made it much easier to take positive investment decisions.

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Interim announcement
Results for the six months ending 31 October 1975

	1975	1974	Increase
Sales (£000)	10,185	8,147	25%
Profit before tax (£000)	1,596	905	76%
Earnings per share (p)	3.98	2.25	77%
Dividend per share (p)	0.393	0.369	

A record first six months
Profits for the first half year were a record, up 76% on last year and 45% on the previous record in 1973. This result reflects tight cost control on relatively low sales volumes. There are signs that sales are beginning to pick up in several of our overseas markets. Second half trading is expected to continue the improvement experienced in the first six months.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Investing over the long term

lt of the equity is still or so the annual com- of equity and fixed investments over the since 1919 produced by okers de Zoete & Bevan seem to suggest. Consols es they are careful to ut, outperformed or kept ith equities in 23 out of t 57 years. But over the years they have under luence of persistent infla- oved a poor investment, orming equities only in nd the rapid inflation of year has outpaced even per cent rise in the stock level at which they were an unprecedented 17.1 nt.

he real value of Consols beginning of this year ower than ever before. re worth less than 5 per f their 1919 value; but ore appalling is the fact ey are worth only 3.4 per f their value in 1947.

s such a comparison the rance of equities has sitively reassuring, even de Zoete's equity index, ed for the cost of living, hough twice as high as a go, still only marginally f its level in 1925. The ation, of course, lies in rs' confidence in increas- vidend income: a confi- which has not been mis- for despite profit and d freezes de Zoete's ho what equity income creased in all but four the past 30 years.

significant of the con- s, however, is that cash ear-cash have formed a ter alternative to equities nsols have. In particu- y have considered invest- n Treasury Bills, showing 1,000 invested in them in would by this year—with income reinvested—have ained to £3,857: a similar on Consols would pro- an end-figure of only

In the past 10 years, the yield per cent per on Treasury Bills, allow- capital appreciation and ation as well as for rein- ent of the gross income, een exactly in line with n equities at 7.8. That nsols has been only 1.5. Treasury Bills should re so well for overall per- ce is principally a reflec- t the depths to which s fell in the 1974 bear . But it goes to prove e's dictum: in a bear go for cash.

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dictions ut volume

r beneficiary of the l 1975 summer, Scottish castle Breweries pushed r and lager volume sales r cent in the six months ober 26. This coupled a useful increase of 0 to £607,000 in invest- ncome as the £21m rights proceeds came in for two s, explains better-than- ted profits of £17.4m; a er cent gain so far reflect- round a point on the pre- argin at 11.4 per cent. vever, S & N now says while volume since er has remained above of last year "a falling in volume is to be ex- l for the rest of the year." nade the market stop to yesterday and the shares unchanged at 64p yield- e 6¼ per cent prospec- which is around the average.

ce again it may turn o be less bad than el, especially for those & N with relatively low re to wines and spirits as Allied's results demon- last week are weaken- With some 70-80 per cent is coming from beer and S & N, with its big free- business and increased loyalty, looks more re- roof than many.

Profits this year, taking into account that investment income in the second half could be as high as £1m while the rights money wairs to be redeployed into further capital projects, could be as high as £27m. Certainly, this looks a reasonable brewery share to see the recession through with.

Interim: 1975/76 (1974/75)
Capitalization £174m
Sales £153m (£118m)
Pre-tax profits £17.43m (£12.19m)
Dividend gross 1.538p (1.29p)

Vosper

Still fighting nationalization

Vosper has speeded up its preliminary figures to provide some ammunition against the Government's nationalization Bill, now at the committee stage in Parliament. Pre-tax profits 31 per cent ahead at £4.03m on the back of a strong export performance (and without the help of shipbuilding grants which boosted the previous year by £920,000) underline how unfair the compensation terms are for the profitable military side of the industry compared with the hard-pressed civil shipbuilders like Robb Caledon and Swan Hunter for whom nationalization is almost a godsend.

So far as Vosper is concerned, the 72p it should receive on the basis of its share price during the reference period is little more than twice latest reported earnings and one-third current net asset value; and the company is still forecasting another rise in profits this year from a healthy order book.

Nationalization of military shipbuilders also makes little sense in commercial terms since overseas governments are unlikely to want to see their United Kingdom suppliers controlled by a potentially capricious British Government.

So far Vosper claims not to have seen any fall-off in overseas orders on these grounds but there must be serious doubt if Vosper's close association with Brazil, for instance, would continue if the company were nationalized.

The shipbuilders' case has cut little ice with the Government, but Vosper is still hoping for an upset as the Bill goes through Parliament; and with the wafer-thin Government majority in committee the issue is not cut and dried yet and some form of compromise is still possible. Assuming the worst, however, Vosper shareholders will be left with a cash shell plus some interests in Singapore and the offshore oil industry, which could well attract a bidder.

Final: 1974-75 (1973-74)
Capitalization £4.3m
Sales £82.1m (£57.1m)
Pre-tax profits £4.03m (£3.08m)
Earnings per share 32.9p (24.3p)
Dividend gross 5.78p (5.36p)

Investing since 1919

de Zoete & Bevan's equity and Consols indices, adjusted for the cost of living.

Year	Equities	Consols
1919	100	100
1924	157	117
1929	303	125
1934	317	194
1939	300	162
1944	263	131
1949	231	106
1954	192	66
1959	276	44.8
1964	417	33.1
1969	483	19.5
1974	237	8.7
1976	182	4.9

Source: de Zoete & Bevan.

Letraset

Regains its glamour status

The stock market rarely recovers its interest in fallen glamour stocks. But the shares of Letraset International, which slipped from its previously consistent growth tack last year, have been moving ahead powerfully in recent weeks. Its supporters have not been disappointed. Letraset turned in pre-tax profits for the half year to the end of October 76 per cent up at £1.6m, on sales £2m ahead at £10.2m. Interim dividends have been increased by the maximum permissible to 0.605p gross per share.

Some £150,000 of this profit improvement comes from currency adjustments which have been taken into earnings for the first time, but even without this profits are a full 60 per cent better than in the comparable period in 1974. The shares rose a further 4p to 75p on the news.

Last year Letraset hit the combined problems of a worldwide downturn in demand for its dry transfers and art and design products, as well as trouble with its internal stock control and a consequent squeeze on cash flow. On the demand side of that equation overseas turnover, which now accounts for nearly 80 per cent of group sales, picked up steadily towards last October both on the strength of new product ranges—particularly on the rapidly expanding colour products side—and as dealers rebuild stocks depleted during 1974.

Eight months into its current year Letraset's board is confident that trading in the second half will continue the improvement seen in the first six months, implying full-year profits around the £3.2m mark. But at 75p, on a prospective p/e ratio falling to just over 10.1 and on a prospective yield of just 2.0 per cent, the shares now look fairly fully valued.

Interim: 1975-76 (1974-75)
Capitalization £13.14m
Sales £10.19m (£8.14m)
Pre-tax profits £1.59m (£905,000)
Dividend gross 0.605p (0.551p)

Int Timber

Problem areas

Another poor set of figures from International Timber underline again the group's recent tendency to amplify the cyclical downswings in the timber section. Coming after roughly unchanged interim figures covering the same period from Montague Meyer, and coinciding with yesterday's rather encouraging noises from the latter, IT's fall from £2.38m to just £168,000 raises the suspicion that factors other than the cycle are affecting performance.

True, the first six months are some improvement on last year's second half loss of £700,000, but substantial losses have continued in the group's Belgium and Dutch subsidiaries, while the other problem areas identified at the end of last year, including flooring and door production, hardly seem to have eased, despite the encouraging uplift in housebuilding that has taken place.

On the basis of £1¼m pre-tax, the prospective p/e at 98p, down 4p yesterday, is a hefty 22½. The only prop is the yield, which is over 8 per cent if the full year dividend is, like the interim payment, maintained. But there is a real risk in the fact that it will be uncovered. The shares have barely managed a 10 per cent rise since November, while Montague Meyer is up by around a quarter. The latter still look a more attractive bet on an upturn in mid 1977.

Interim: 1975-76 (1974-75)
Capitalization £13.5m
Sales £51m (£51.4m)
Pre-tax profits £0.17m (£2.38m)
Dividend gross 3.46p (3.46p)

Charles Kennedy discusses the need for reform in the treatment of companies

Sandilands and the taxation issue

In recommending that, apart from some relatively minor alterations, the existing stop-gap arrangements for the payment of corporation tax should be continued pending a full-scale review of the basis of the taxation of profit and income, the Sandilands Committee not only missed an opportunity, but have also put the future of British industry at considerable hazard.

The committee appeared to be inhibited because of what they considered could be the implications for personal taxation of any radical proposals they might make for the taxation of companies. In this respect I believe they were unnecessarily cautious.

Companies and persons are quite different kinds of animal, and there is no reason on grounds of principle why companies should be taxed in exactly the same way as persons are.

Company taxation can be treated as a matter in its own right, and the compelling reason for doing so is that there are some important aspects of the existing arrangements that need to be changed as a matter of urgency.

In approaching the question of corporation tax, it is well to be clear at the outset that the independent taxation of companies has damaging effects on industry, certainly by distorting the financial decision, and very possibly also by acting as a disincentive to investment. But first I must define more precisely what I mean by the independent taxation of companies.

Let us suppose—an heroic assumption—that we have agreed on an acceptable definition of profits, that is profits that, in the absence of taxation, could be regarded as available for distribution to shareholders without making the company any worse off.

Under the present imputation system, I would then want to say that *there is independent* taxation of companies if the rate of corporation tax on these profits exceeds the rate of advance corporation tax paid on behalf of shareholders and the rate of tax credit. In other words, if companies and shareholders together have to pay more tax on a given amount of profits than the income tax liability of the shareholders on dividends paid out of those profits.

The independent taxation of companies distorts the financing decision by raising the cost of equity finance relatively to that of debt finance. Consider the imposition of an independent tax on companies. Either the tax will be passed on, so that the pre-tax rate of profit will rise relatively to the rate of interest; or the tax will not be passed on, so that the share price will fall in relation to net assets per share. In both cases the cost of equity finance will be raised.

In the latter case what Professor Merrett has called the financial viability of the company, that is its ability to obtain a share price in the market at least as high as the net asset value per share, will be adversely affected: investment will be discouraged and the running down of the company's operations encouraged.

With the rate of corporation tax currently 52 per cent and the rate of tax credit 35 per cent, the margin between the two is 17 per cent, but the rate of independent taxation of companies is considerably more than this percentage. This is because what a company has to pay in independent taxation will not be available for distribution and so cannot be matched by a tax credit.

I will spare the reader the algebra required for working out the precise formula for determining the rate of independent taxation, and merely state that currently it results in a rate of independent taxation of 26 per cent. This is quite a substantial rate of tax.

As compared with a situation in which there was no independent taxation, it implies that a company would have to earn about one third more in profits before tax, if it were to be able to distribute the same amount to shareholders in dividends.

The distorting effect of the *independent taxation of companies* on the financing decision arises because interest payments are allowed as a charge against profits, and would be present even in non-inflationary conditions. In the present inflationary conditions, the distortion has been very much magnified, both because money rates of interest have risen and because, since the special relief measures introduced by the Chancellor in November, 1974, stock appreciation has been largely exempted from current taxation, even when stocks are partly financed by borrowing.

The present system of company taxation now discriminates very heavily in favour of highly-geared companies and against banks and financial institutions which hold mainly monetary assets.

Ideally, one would want the independent taxation of companies to be eliminated altogether. If this is thought too much to ask, both the discrimination in favour of highly-geared companies and the rate of independent taxation itself can still be very substantially reduced at no cost to the Exchequer whatever.

In order to indicate the nature of the reform required, it will be necessary to refer to the debate that has followed the publication of the Sandilands Report.

It will be recalled that the committee recommended that all holding gains should be taken out of the profit and loss account, while interest charges should remain in as a charge against profits. Many of us have taken the view that these proposals would result in the serious understatement of profits, and have suggested various amendments.

The amendments proposed differ in detail, but the differences are not very significant, and all would have broadly the same effect. Some have suggested the making of CPP adjustments in respect of financial assets and liabilities, while others, including myself, would prefer to bring the geared fraction of the holding gains back into the profit and loss account. If the latter suggestion were adopted, it would be necessary at the same time to make some special adjustment in respect of financial assets, in order to meet the requirements of banks and other financial institutions.

In their broad effects, the present stop-gap arrangements for corporation tax approximate the system that would prevail if tax were based entirely on Sandilands profits. The main difference is that, in the special relief measures introduced in November 1974, the taxation of profits represented by stock appreciation was only deferred and not abolished. Strictly speaking also, the stock relief was not restricted to stock appreciation, but I shall ignore this point, especially since the Sandilands Committee have recommended that it should be so restricted in future.

I shall have more to say about the deferred tax liability later. For the moment, I am concerned to make the point that the basing of corporation tax on Sandilands profits would discriminate in favour of the geared-up company in much the same way as the present arrangements do.

If one wishes to reduce this discrimination, all one has to do is to bring the geared gains, or alternatively the CPP adjustments in respect of financial assets and liabilities, into the calculation of taxable profits. Since this measure would enlarge the tax base very considerably, it could and should be accompanied by a reduction in the rate of corporation tax, so as to bring down the rate of independent taxation of companies.

In order to give highly-geared companies time to reduce their gearing in orderly fashion, it may be thought wise to introduce this reform gradually, or perhaps better still to announce in advance its introduction in a year or two's time.

In any case, a reform on the above lines, though clearly desirable, is not the most urgent thing that needs to be done. The more urgent matter is to deal with the deferred tax liability on profits from stock appreciation. This should be abolished altogether, and as soon as possible. Even though its abolition would probably make very little difference to the immediate cash flow of companies or to the revenues of the Exchequer, the piling-up on the wrong side of the balance-sheet of a very substantial deferred tax liability is quite menacing for the future of British industry, and can lead only to the ossification of the industrial structure.

I do not see how it can fail to depress the market values of shares below what they would otherwise be. Corporate financial viability in Professor Merrett's sense will be made extremely difficult if not impossible. Little or no investment or expansion will be undertaken, while at the same time the running down of unprofitable operations will be inhibited because the deferred tax liability would then become actual.

In the meantime, the state would have amassed sizeable claims against the assets of every company in the country. In a very few years' time, we shall be worrying not so much about the "lame ducks"—although there will still be some of these—as about the "sitting ducks".

The abolition of the deferred tax liability can and should be undertaken independently of the other reform I have suggested. Nevertheless, that reform is not irrelevant to the case for abolition. Once the geared gains have been brought into the category of taxable profits, the case for exempting the ungeared gains from tax altogether will become unanswerable.

One cannot help suspecting that the reluctance on the part of the apologists for the Sandilands Report to admit the force of the criticisms that have been made of the committee's treatment of monetary gains and losses stems from the fear that if the point were conceded industry would suffer more tax as a result. But I do not think they are furthering their own cause.

The champions of private enterprise will be much more strongly placed to argue the case for tax reform if they are not at the same time trying to defend an untenable position in the matter of the definition of profit.

And even if the Government were not persuaded to lower the rate of corporation tax to the full extent made possible by the enlargement of the tax base, or better still to eliminate the independent taxation of companies altogether, the payment of a bit more in current taxation, fairly and evenly spread over companies of different financial structure, would in my opinion be a small price for industry to pay, if by that means it could get the albatross of the deferred tax liability off its neck.

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Swiss seek a new vehicle for foreign exchange market intervention

Sometime later this month a delegation from the Swiss National Bank will travel to Frankfurt, West Germany, to study the operations of the official foreign exchange market there.

At first sight it seems rather odd that the National Bank in Zurich should show such interest in an institution which many consider just a historical leftover and which, from a technical viewpoint, has been obsolete for many years.

The Frankfurt Foreign Exchange Bourse, which is housed in the main stock exchange building and opens for an hour between one o'clock and two o'clock every weekday, handles only a fraction of the foreign currency business transacted daily in West Germany. Most of the dealing is transacted by telephone just as in Zurich or London.

But for the Swiss central bank, an official foreign exchange bourse with its own market place has other attractions. It feels that the creation of a market like Frankfurt in Zurich could add transparency to foreign exchange dealing in general and give the Swiss authorities a greater control over the exchange rate of the franc and therefore the management of the economy.

For the Swiss authorities the size of the Zurich foreign exchange market has become a mixed blessing. It is an important source of bank earnings which in turn boost the country's invisible exports. But the national bank feels that its volume in relation to the small size of the national economy has enhanced the erratic movements of the Swiss franc and contributed to the franc's strength—two factors which make life difficult for the country's export industry.

To hold down the franc's parity, last year the Swiss National Bank had to spend well over 9,000m francs (£1,700m) in currency intervention to even out such erratic movements and according to Union Bank of Switzerland had to buy no less than $600m (about £300m) in the first week of this year.

Such figures, forced on the bank to protect export industries, make a mockery of the argument that a floating currency gives a country's authorities control over their domestic money supply.

The National Bank in Zurich is well aware that it cannot stand against a fundamental trend in the exchange rate of the franc and in thinking of setting up a foreign exchange bourse *is not advocating* an alternative to the present telephone business, which will continue as before from morning to evening.

However, the creation of a foreign exchange bourse in which the National Bank would be seen to intervene at the official fixing of the franc against the currencies of Switzerland's major trading partners, in the same way that the German Federal Bank sometimes buys or sells marks in Frankfurt would, it is felt, give market operators an idea of what the National Bank wants and possibly at a much lower cost than the present form of intervention.

A foreign exchange bourse would also facilitate cooperation between the Swiss authorities and the participants in the European currency "snake" in that it would establish daily official rates for the franc.

If the Swiss authorities go ahead with the idea, and this is by no means certain at present, the new Zurich foreign exchange bourse would become one more of a series of instruments designed to keep a control on the foreign exchange activities of the country's banks and deter foreign interest in the Swiss franc.

Switzerland already has a complex battery of controls and disincentives ranging from negative interest rates on non residents money holdings in Switzerland, through limitations on the sale of forward francs to foreigners to the lowest bank and Lombard rates among the developed nations of the West—respectively 2.5 and 3.5 per cent.

Reinforcing the struggle are gentlemen's agreements such as that the Swiss banks should report to the National Bank all foreign exchange deals of more than $5m on a daily basis, and personal contacts both at home and abroad. Last year, for example, the National Bank's president, Dr Fritz Leutwiler, visited central bankers in the oil producing countries of the Middle East to try to spell out how their Swiss franc holdings could affect monetary policy in Switzerland.

But while enthusiasm for a formal foreign exchange bourse is mounting at the National Bank, the influential commercial bankers of Zurich's Bahnhofstrasse are viewing the idea with distaste. They tend to regard it as just one more encumbrance to business activity which could fray further the relations with the central bank.

However, if the project gets the go ahead, a bankers' boycott is highly unlikely. As in the past, a call to visit the National Bank is still sufficient to get the bankers of Zurich to fall into line with official policy.

Peter Norman

Business Diary: NEDO's Asher • Redundancies at SMMT

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Asher yesterday

tions find their way on to the right desks in Whitehall.

Asher, who is 39, is on a two-to-three-year attachment from ITT, where he is in charge of economic analysis "across Europe", as well as marketing strategies for its Standard Telephones and Cables subsidiary.

He succeeds Ken Cook, who has recently returned to Phillips Electronic & Associated Industries, where he had been director of finance.

Asher has been around. When he came down from reading economics at LSE, he translated his special interest in banking and money into a job with what is now Charterhouse Japhet.

Before long, however, he found himself a research assistant with the National Union of Mineworkers.

What happened was that Ernest Jones, the then NUM president, was with George Woodcock, then TUC general secretary, a member of the Radcliffe Committee on the working of the monetary system. Some expert help was needed to fillet the papers, and Asher's old prof, Richard Sayers, historian of the Bank of England, rang him up to say that the NUM job was on offer.

This project over, the NUM asked Asher to stay on. He declined, being less interested in labour relations than in money and banking. He then landed a job at English Electric, a member of the Radcliffe committee being EE director Sir John Woods.

A piece of more recent experience that may come in useful is some crystal ball work he did between 1967 and 1974 as a non-executive director of what is now the Henley Institute of Forecasting.

Motor casualty

The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, the 70-year-old trade body representing Britain's biggest industry, is the latest casualty of the recession that so nearly bankrupted British Leyland and Chrysler. The 110-strong London headquarters team is being cut by 10 per cent over the coming weeks.

Ironically, the news was confirmed to us yesterday by one of the redundant officials, John O'Connor, a 34-year-old journalist who has been a society spokesman for nearly five years.

With a surprising lack of bitterness, O'Connor said: "No trade body can be impervious to what is happening to its members. The motor manufacturers and their dealers are having a very rough time and, to be truthful, I suppose that like other organizations who have been running for a long time, the SMMT accumulated some fat which must now be slimmed down."

The SMMT is a non-profit-making organization nominally financed by a complicated scale of subscriptions reflecting the size of member companies. In practice, however, half the £1m a year income is provided by the annual Motor Show at Earls Court—the best possible reason for the rearguard action some officials are fighting to prevent the motor show becoming biennial and moving to Birmingham's National Exhibition Centre in 1978.

Another casualty is Peter Mason, 42, an official for the past 20 years, the last nine as membership secretary. He said: "I don't want to say anything which will sour relations with the society but to get the chop after so many years loyal service has both shocked and upset me."

The SMMT is one of the better trade bodies. Besides the organization of the Motor Show—itself a considerable feat—it collates and issues the monthly sales and production statistics which frequently make the *headlines, negotiates with government* ministers and motor trade organizations overseas, and provides extensive back-up services to member companies. Surprisingly, these include the very importers who are giving British motor companies such a hard time in their home market.

Top post

One of Michael Corby's jobs in *his new post as director of the* recently established Mail Users' Association will presumably be to see that Secretaries of State for Industry do not establish any more Post Office review committees without an MUA member.

Nevertheless, if the association—which was only formed in October—has yet to merit such consideration, Corby would seem to have the paper qualifications for pushing home the mail users' views: he is, after all, a former Post Office man.

Corby, who is 31, had seven years in Post Office management, and when he left the corporation last autumn was on the staff of the Postal Management College with special responsibilities for courses on finance and marketing.

The gamekeeper-turned-poacher was away on holiday yesterday, but it seems that his first duty will be to prepare the MUA evidence to the review committee, which is to be chaired by Charles Carter, vice-chancellor of Lancaster University.

Varley's list of committee members contains no snub to the fledgling association, for the *Secretary seems to have gone* out of his way to pick people with little direct contact with the PO, other than as consumers.

Corby, who has been involved in many aspects of PO planning, will be working with Marshall Evans, MUA's new head of research. Evans is now studying the efficiency of postal mechanization (a Corby "baby").

The MUA was founded on behalf of business users by Julian Blackwell, a director of publishers B. H. Blackwell, and Robin Fairlie, business services director of The Reader's Digest Association.

It now has over 300 members, and representatives have already called on Alex Currall, managing director of Posts.

Just in case the Post Office doesn't know how much potential business the Mail Users' Association are sitting on, no fewer than five, hand-delivered official announcements of Michael Corby's appointment found their way to Business Diary yesterday.

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	1974-75	1973-74
Capital employed	£146,821,000	£96,115,000
Group sales	£212,887,000	£173,538,000
Profits before tax and extraordinary items	£28,654,000	£23,962,000
Profits after tax but before extraordinary items	£13,464,000	£12,389,000
Extraordinary items	£3,459,000	£1,626,000
Distributions	£3,042,000	£2,758,000
Expenditure on research and development	£15,932,000	£11,457,000

"Total sales were £213 million. This, on a comparable basis, represents an increase of 30% over the previous year", says Mr A. A. Gray, Chairman of The Wellcome Foundation Limited in his annual review. "£6 million only of the increase derives from the weakening value of sterling in relation to the other world currencies in which we do business.

"Profits before tax are £28.6 million. To have achieved this profit increase is an outstanding success in view of the continually rising incidence of wages, raw materials and services and high interest rates on the capital we need to finance our expanding business.

"A total of £16 million was spent on research and development and, of the £16.7 million profit available after tax has been deducted, no less than 81% has been retained in the business to strengthen the group for the future.

"A proportion of approximately 85% of the group's sales to third parties was made in countries outside the United Kingdom. Direct exports from UK increased from £31.4 million to £44.1 million, an increase of 40%.

"It is worth noting that despite an overall increase in sales of the various divisions of the United Kingdom region, sales to the National Health Service in Britain still amount to only about 12% of the company's world ethical medical sales and around 8% of the sales of the group as a whole.

"Any prediction of future results stands or falls on the ability of governments—and most importantly the UK government—to reduce the current rate of inflation. In looking towards the future I can only say that the Wellcome group is better equipped than most for the times which lie immediately ahead."

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Institutions come back in force

The reappearance of the institutions in the afternoon session breathed new life into a market looking distinctly tired at noon. Between then and the close the *FT* Index advanced a full seven points and went back over 400. The final figure of 402.4 was a net gain of 8.0 on the day.

Though lacking their recent strength gilt-edged stocks still had a reasonable day. Spurred by the renewed hope of a cut in the Minimum Lending Rate mediums and longs wiped out early falls while "shorts" gained up to a quarter on the day. The collapse of the gold price hit that sector badly and losses of up to £1 were recorded in the "heavies".

For the moment the market seems to be able to absorb all the bad news that is thrown at it, but some market men are now wondering whether a stream of rights issues—the queue is said to be three months long—will be as readily discounted as they were last year.

Buying among the leading industrial shares was selective though on a fairly large scale. ICI the most active stock of the day, was the best, hardening 7p to 632p while Courtaulds put on 4p to 164p. Beecham proved to be a weak spot, losing 2p to 352p, and Unilever, which has been subdued in the recent sharp market advance, managed to hold on to 444p.

Results from Tollemache & Cobbold, up 5p to 97p, and Scottish & Newcastle, unchanged at 64p after 62½p, gave some interest to brewery shares with Whitbread firming 4p to 118p and Bass Charrington going ahead a couple of points to 109p. Building related shares provided a fair sprinkling of features.

There was some disappointment at the SGB results, but the shares managed to put on 2p to 110p. Analysts are still recommending a "hold" on long-term recovery prospects. The same was true of International Timber, which shed 4p to 98p, after the chairman had ruled out the prospect of a rally in the short term. Marley which has had the support of the institutions in recent days, gained another 3p to 101p on reasonable demand.

Stores managed to shake off their temporary gloom brought on by poor retail trade figures. Marks & Spencer were a firm spot at 108p, up 5p, and Boots firmed 3p to 145p. But Gus "A" were not so successful, losing 3p to 216p.

After weakness reflecting lower lending rates the clearing banks rallied well with Midland 300p, Lloyds 255p and Barclays 320p, all rising 5p. National Westminster was 3p to the good at 265p. The pick of a generally firm insurance sector was broker Hogg Robinson which still reflected results and put on another 7p to 155p. Brentnall Beard announced a rights of over £300,000 and firmed a couple of points to 97p.

After initial dullness oil, partly influenced by a strong Wall Street opening, ended the day on a firm note with BP putting on 9p to 612p and Shell 6p to 402p. The worst hit of the gold shares were Hartebeest, down £1.50 to £14.50, St Helena, off 50p to £21, W. Driefontein, down by 50p to £32 and Western Holdings which shed 50p to £22.75.

The best of the companies reporting was Hickson & Welch where the gain was no less than 14p to 320p after higher full-year profits. Others to go ahead included Crouch Group, 1p to 38p, Vosper, 2p to 72p, Trident TV "A", half a point to 33p, Letraset 2p to 74p and F. Wrighton 1p to 26p.

The gilt-edged market had an eventful day. The shorter end was helped by hopes for a ¼ per cent cut in Minimum Lending Rate on Friday, combined with continuing easiness in money markets. The coupon rate on the "yearling" issue was 10¾ per cent, down ¼ per cent from the previous week.

"Shorts" were generally ¼ point higher on the day. They were very active, particularly in after-hours trading.

"Longs" were also busy. Initial profit-taking took up to ¼ point off prices. This was then restored in active trading, but Mr Healey's letter of application to the International Monetary Fund, which mentioned a figure of £12,000m for the public sector borrowing requirement, depressed the market in the afternoon. Eventually most stocks were ¼ point down on the day.

Equity turnover on January 12 was £121.5m (28,606 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were ICI, Shell, Barclays Bank, Ladbroke, Hawker Siddeley, BP, Marks & Spencer, Gus "A", GEC, EMI, Dunlop, Grand Metropolitan, Thorn "A", Burmah, Bowring, RTZ, De Beers, Hanson Trust, BTR, Land Securities and MEPC.

IDC Group have now risen to 99p. But they still yield 11 per cent, probably rising to 12 per cent when the dividend ad profits are declared. This will be soon. IDC has a good record, should have made around £1m last year, dropping the p/e to four or less.

Distillers have been putting up over the last couple of months, a much improved performance adding a further 3p to 149p yesterday. Some buyers are expecting a furthere increase in export prices of around 45p a case this month which would add substantially to potential profitability this year.

Latest dividends

Company (and pur values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Ass Sprayers (10p) Fin	—	1.47	—	—	2.57
Bootham Eng (£1) Fin	7.5	7.02†	—	7.5	7.02†
Crouch Group (25p) Int	0.89	0.83	3/5	—	2.43
Danae Inv (50p) Int	1.20	1.20	27/2	—	2.82
Fluidrive Eng (20p) Fin	1.76	1.58	—	2.47	2.32
Int Timber Corp (25p) Int	2.25	2.25	7/4	—	5.17
Inv Capital Trust (25p) Fin	0.5	0.5	11/3	1.0	1.0
Jones, Stroud (25p) Int	1.6	1.6	10/4	—	3.53
Letraset Int	0.39	0.36	5/3	—	—
Midland Cattle (25p) Int	1.0	0.87	30/1	—	2.03
A. J. Mills (25p) Fin	1.48	1.41	—	2.48	2.33
Reabrook (25p) Int	0.37	0.37	—	—	0.97
Sc & Newcastle (20p) Int	1.0*	0.84	13/4	—	2.52
SGB Group (25p) Fin	2.27	2.20	25/3	4.27	4.0
Tollemch & Chld (50p) Fin	2.73	2.54	—	3.73	3.5
Trident TV (10p) Fin	1.46	1.35	1/4	2.11	1.99
Warner Estate (25p) Fin	0.69	1.02	26/2	3.29	2.07

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross base. To establish gross, multiply the net dividend by 1.54. †Adjusted for Scrip. *Adjusted for rights.

UK activities stop SGB doing better

By Peter Elliott

The figures from the SGB Group, the international construction plant and services concern, are no worse than the directors feared, though the stock market was unimpressed. Activity in the United Kingdom construction industry is still low but the group reports a "substantial improvement" overseas. Pre-tax profits for the full year to last September 27 slipped only 7 per cent to £5.9m.

In the first six months the group reported a 3 per cent dip in profits to £3.01m. The board predicted then that full year profits would not be "seriously below" those of the previous year, and the second half downturn is restricted to 11 per cent at £2.9m. The board says overseas profitability now represents 27 per cent of the total pre-tax profit. This went a long way towards offsetting the fall in United Kingdom construction activity, which, coupled with price controls, prevented "adequate" price rises to match inflation.

During the year turnover climbed from £45m to a new peak of £56m. Thanks to the additional business, and the acquisition of the Contractors' Services Group, interest charges were heavier at £1.4m against £869,000. Even so, for the sixth year running net profits improved from £2.76m to £2.85m.

At the interim the board forecast a payment of 3.64p gross, but the final outcome is 3.49p against 3.29 the year before. This still raises the year's total from 6.29p to 6.57p. Earnings a share are the same at 13.4p.

Hickson shows resilience

The pre-tax profits of Hickson & Welch, the Yorkshire based chemicals group, rose by just over 12 per cent in the year to the end of September, from £4.1m to £4.6m according to preliminary figures released by the group yesterday.

But the exceptionally good growth seen in the first half of the year has flagged a little in the second, with the rate of improvement slowing from nearly two fifths to just under 7 per cent at the pre-tax level.

At the halfway stage Mr T. Harrington, the group's chairman, referred to a downturn in volume during 1975, with no signs of any general improvement in the second six months of the financial year. The latest figures do, however, show a healthy rise in annual turnover from £35.6m to £42m.

Interest charges were slightly down last year from £0.78m to £0.74m while the contribution from group associates fell from £0.19m to £0.17m. Dealers were duly impressed, and hoisted the shares 14p to 320p.

Diploma, Yule sell portfolios

As part of its policy of increasing existing business and expanding into new United Kingdom ventures, Yule Catto has sold a large part of its investment portfolio. The sale includes a 17 per cent stake in Diploma Investments, the industrial distribution and services to engineering and manufacturing group. About 40 per cent of Diploma's equity is now in institutional hands.

The group has realized its own portfolio including the holding in Incledon & Lamberts, for a total of £500,000.

Yule Catto will be using part of its money to pay for the recent acquisition of William J. Cox. Lord Catto, the head of Yule Catto, will remain on the board of Diploma, and Mr A. Thomas, chairman of Diploma, stays on the Catto board.

Royal provides £1.6m for EPIC

Royal Insurance is to provide up to £1.6m of long term finance to Estates Property Investment Company (EPIC) in which Royal has a shareholding of approximately 7¾ per cent. This will take the form of a secured 20-year loan to be advanced in two tranches.

This funding is designed to improve EPIC's balance of short and long term borrowings and to enable the property group to take advantage of the improving letting market in industrial properties. EPIC has several industrial development projects awaiting completion. Royal is also taking an option to subscribe for EPIC ordinary shares. Phoenix Assurance, which holds around 20 per cent of the EPIC equity, recently made loan facilities of around £3m available to the group.

Mixed trend in major gold-mining results

By Desmond Quigley

The second batch of December quarterly reports from the South African gold mines has produced widely varying results, particularly among the majors. The world's biggest and richest "Gold Fields", West Driefontein, managed only a 12 per cent increase in working profits on the gold side, while Barlow Rand's Blyvoor saw a fall. However, Buffelsfontein (General Mining) reported a 38 per cent increase.

Among the big mines the average gold price received was mainly in the middle-$130 per ounce range, although the limits were surprisingly wide with East Drie receiving an average of $124 and Doornfontein $143.6.

Of the four premier mines in the "Gold Fields" group—East and West Drie, Doornfontein and Kloof—only East Drie stepped up its milling rate, and also against the trend, managed to reduce costs a ton. With the exception of Doornfontein which stayed static, yields were increased by the others.

Gold working profits at West Drie increased by R4.79m to R43.5m, while a loss of R290,000 on the uranium and sulphuric acid side was turned round into a working profit of R181,000. East Drie boosted working profits by nearly 29 per cent to R20.1m, while Doornfontein saw a rise of 30.5 per cent from R5.04m to R6.57m and Kloof a 21 per cent rise to R6.79m. Venterspost more than doubled gold working profits to R1.95m, while pyrite chipped in R160,000, against R3,000.

At General Mining, Buffelsfontein dropped the milling rate a little, but cut costs and increased the yield to produce a gold working profit increase of 38 per cent at R12.15m. The State-assisted Stilfontein more than doubled working profits to R2m. Other gold working profits from the three groups are:

	Dec qtr	Sept qtr
Libanon	R4.8m	R3.6m
Vlakfontein	R541,000	R379,000
East Rand Prop	R193,000	R548,000
Durban Deep	R762,000*	R1.3m*
City Deep, etc	R448,000	R150,000*
West Rand	R415,000*	R1.97m*
S. Roodepoort	R252,000*	R431,000*

*=Loss.

Lonrho's Western Platinum made a working profit of R31,000 in the quarter, compared with R165,000 in the previous three months, while Twefontein United Collieries made a profit from coal of R139,000 (R244,000).

International Timber Corporation

Interim Report for half year to 30th September 1975

Trading conditions in the U.K. have continued to be difficult during the first half year, with turnover at the same level as the previous year but with increased costs.

The lower profit resulting has been further affected by losses in both Holland and Belgium where conditions have been more severe.

The second half year will show an improvement but the result for the full year is unlikely to reach last year's level.

Your board has decided to pay an interim dividend of 2.25p for each Ordinary Stock Unit which is at the same rate as for last year. Dividend warrants will be posted on April 7, 1976 to those Stockholders who are on the Share Register at March 5, 1976.

Group Results

	Unaudited for the half year to 30.9.75	28.9.74	Audited for the year to 30.3.75
	£'000	£'000	£'000
External Sales	50,922	51,433	105,014
Profit for the Period	1,693	4,267	5,516
Interest—including Loan Stock £239,000 (1974—£249,000)	1,525	1,885	3,870
Profit before Taxation	168	2,382	1,646
Group Profit after Taxation	58	1,163	1,000
Interim Dividend per Ordinary Stock Unit	2.25p	2.25p	5.17p
Earnings per Ordinary Stock Unit			
Basic	0.6p	8.7p	7.5p
Fully Diluted	1.05p	6.8p	6.6p

Jones Stroud hopes to rally after setback

There was gloom at September's annual meeting of Jones Stroud (Holdings) after the preceding year's peak profit of £2.07m, and the group duly reports a steep first-half setback.

Against a background of depressed trading in the six months to September 30 in both the electrical and textile industries, pre-tax profits tumbled from £1.04m to £768,000 on a turnover down from £7.37m to £6.64m. The net profits fell from £59,000 to £369,000 and earnings a share from 7.43p to 4.22p. But the half-time dividend is 2.46p gross against 2.38p, and a total forecast of 5.85p gross against 4.63p is made.

Better still, the directors now see signs of an improvement and look to second-half profit exceeding those just reported. However they do not specify the extent of turnround.

The group makes fabrics, accessories and materials for the textile and electrical industries.

Fluidrive sparks to record £581,000

Firmly on the recovery trail after six months (pre-tax profits soared from £119,000 to £253,000), Fluidrive Engineering went on to a new peak in the full year to September 30. For good measure, prospects are bright.

Pre-tax profits jumped 50 per cent to £581,000 on turnover 32 per cent better at £4.9m.

A great leap at Forward Trust

Thanks in part to the difficulties besetting competitors, Forward Trust was able to increase its share of the instalment credit market by one point to 10 per cent in the year to end-October. Turnover rose from £99.4m to £122.2m. Profitability of the group, a wholly owned subsidiary of Midland Bank, improved markedly during the same period, with the pre-tax total rising from £5m to £7.12m. The credit goes to the decline in borrowing costs as interest rates came down.

In October the Midland bank subscribed an additional £15m of capital. As a result, shareholders' funds at the year-end had come up from £17.8m to £33.9m. The balance-sheet also shows a reduction in deposit and other accounts from £226.9m to £159.3m.

Owen-Hse of Fraser

Liverpool-based department-store chain, Owen Owen, with branches throughout Britain, and House of Fraser are negotiating an exchange of stores. This might involve the sales by Owen of its Doncaster branch to Fraser and the sale by Fraser of Wrights of Richmond to Owen.

Trident slips to £2m

Announcing a fall in pre-tax profits from an adjusted £2.7m to £2.09m for the 12 months to September 30, Mr James Hanson, chairman of Trident Television, parent company of Yorkshire Television and Tyne Tees Television, forecasts "a significant improvement" in results next year.

Advertising revenue for the opening months of the new financial year shows "a promising increase" with further expansion of programme sales overseas expected through Trident International. Meanwhile the dividend rises from 2.96p to 3.24p gross.

Wellcome Foundation sells 85 pc abroad

On world-wide sales up 30 per cent to £213m, Wellcome Foundation, the British-owned pharmaceutical and chemical group, pushed up pre-tax profits from £23.96m to £28.65m in the year to August 30. Direct exports from the United Kingdom rose 40 per cent to £44m, with about 85 per cent of group sales to third parties made outside Britain. Nearly £16m was spent on research and development, while working capital rose by £17m to £66m.

Mr A. A. Gray, chairman, in his statement with the accounts, adds that the group continued to increase its market share by value in all medical markets in Europe.

Brentnall Beard's 1-for-3 at 55p

To strengthen its capital base Brentnall Beard (Holdings), the insurance broker, proposes a one-for-three issue at 55p to raise about £323,000 (against a market price of 97p). The board plans further expansion overseas and an expansion drive for United Kingdom business.

The board hopes to recommend a total dividend on the enlarged equity of some 5.28p, against 4.58p on the smaller capital. Laurie, Milbank and Gall & Eke, joint brokers to the issue, have underwritten the offer.

Gateway jumps 51 pc

Record interim pre-tax profits come from Gateway Securities, which recently sold its chemists shops to a subsidiary of Arthur Guinness for £750,000.

On a turnover up from £16.1m to £27.4m, pre-tax profits of this Bristol-based retail grocery and self-service store group, have gone ahead 51 per cent to £669,000. A first-time contribution from Bishops Stores of £188,000 took much of the credit. The dividend goes up from 0.83p to 0.87p gross.

A. J. Mills' 16 pc jump

The promised "satisfactory outcome" for the year to November 1 has been duly delivered by A. J. Mills (Holdings). Pre-tax profits rose 16 per cent to £781,000 on a turnover of £51m, against £41.3m. The second six months produced a gain of 20 per cent to £409,000.

Nordic nurses cash

Profits of Nordic Bank, the London-based consortium bank which recently opened a branch in Singapore, fell from £2.2m to £2.1m last year. The decline reflects chiefly a decision to maintain liquidity at high levels during the early part of the year at a time when interest rates were falling.

Since then there has been a return to more normal liquidity and year end loans were up from £103m to £138m. Deposits rose from £179m to £219m, while shareholders' funds, boosted by a $3.27m injection of subordinated loans, went up from £13.6m to £16.7m.

Issues & Loans

Local loans cut again

Once again, the borrowing rate for local authorities has been cut. Last week it stood at 11 per cent—the lowest for six months—and this week it is reduced again, to 10¾ per cent. Among those boroughs in the market for £1m and more, are: London, Dundee, Merton, Clwyd, Uttlesford, Camden, Grampian, Redbridge and Leeds (£1.5m).

Briefly

NORPIPE
Norpipe, a company of the Ekofisk transport system, plans to float a DM100m Eurobond issue. With a maximum life of eight years, and a coupon of 8½ per cent. Price of 99½ per cent is envisaged. Deutsche Bank is lead manager.

ASS SPRAYERS
Group loss £4,000 (profit £138,000), after tax credit of £58,000 (debit £51,000) for year to August 31. Turnover £5.2m (£5.4m). Group says loss is to be cut by an extraordinary item credit of £51,000, from a sale of freehold properties. The first quarter of this year shows "modest improvement". No dividend for year (3.83p).

DANAE INV TRUST
Pre-tax profits £252,000 (£314,000) for first six months to last November 30. Interim dividend 1.8p gross (same). Board continues to be cautious. But with slightly lower interest rates, it says investment outlook is currently showing welcome improvement.

CROUCH GROUP
Pre-tax profits £247,000 (£241,000), turnover £5.06m (£3.20m) for half year to last September 30. Interim dividend is 1.37p (1.28p). Board is confident full year results will beat last year's figures. Bank borrowings at lowest level for three years.

F. WRIGHTON
Pre-tax profits £202,000 (£201,000), turnover £3.8m (£3.3m) for half year to last September 30. Earnings a share 1.79p (2.09p). Board expects full year figures to beat previous results.

INV CAPITAL TRUST
Gross revenue £2.02m (£2.07m) for year to last November 30. Final dividend 0.74p (same), making year's total 1.48p (same). Earnings a share 1.04p (1.15p).

GLOBE INVESTMENT
Gross revenue £3.6m (£3.3m) for nine months to December 31. Pre-tax profits £2.9m (£2.6m). Net asset value a share 109p at December 31 (86p at last March 31), and allowing for full conversion of loan stock 109½p (88½p).

REDLAND INTERIM
The "interim" due from this company tomorrow is the half-year ordinary dividend—not the mid-year results, which in fact were published in November.

MELODY MILLS
Pre-tax profits £273,000 (£119,000) for first six months to last September 30. Turnover £2.5m (£1.6m). Board says results reflect capital investment.

MIDLAND CATTLE
Pre-tax profits £286,000 (£284,000), turnover £1.8m (£2m), for half year. Croda has raised its holding in company to nearly 12 per cent. Dividend, 1.54p gross (0.87p).

WARNER ESTATE
Pre-tax profits £849,000 (£585,000), turnover £4.5m £893,000, for 18 months to last September 30, compared with year to March 31, 1974. Extraordinary items £1.4m (£994,000). Final dividend 1.06p (1.02p).

RANSOME HOFFMANN
Mr G. W. Barlow, chairman, told meeting that despite signs of upturn in world industries it was too early to forecast rate of recovery, but predicted earnings would "suffer" this year.

BROKEN HILL PROP
Company has arranged placing of $A55m (£34m) of debenture stock with five Australian banks, redeemable over 10 years.

'Continuation of marked recovery'

SALIENT FIGURES	1975 £'000	1974 £'000
Sales	28,739	25,982
Group trading profit	3,456	3,424
Rate of ordinary dividend	3.2p per share	2.5p per share

- Record profits achieved.
- Overseas trading profit exceeds £2 million for first time.
- 28% increase in dividend covered 3.2 times.
- £500,000 of £1¼ million, I.R.C. loan repaid during year.
- £1 million spent on fixed assets.

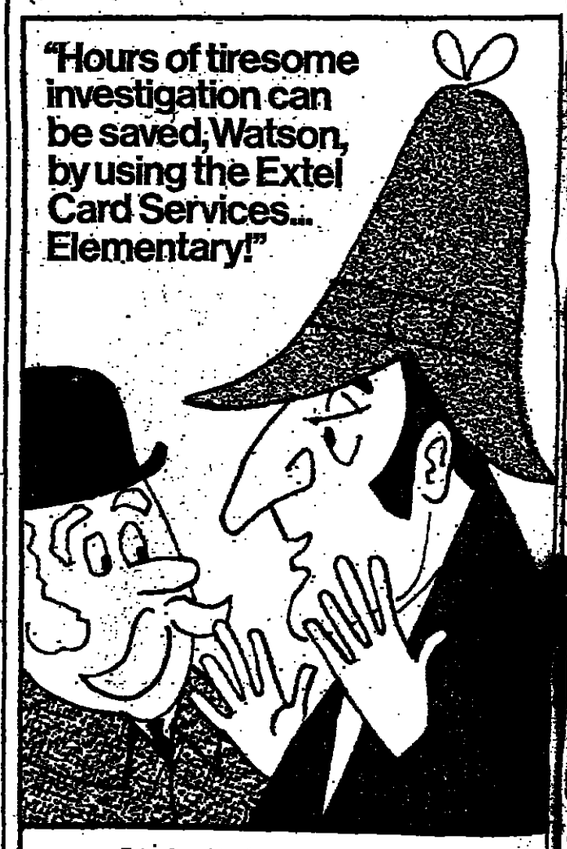
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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Commodities

COPPER: Cash wire bars dropped by £5.75 and in the three-month position by £6. The movement reflected the lack of follow through on the part of consumers to the recent upturn, dealers said. Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £591.50-92 a metric ton; three months, £611.50-12.00. Sales, 3,600 tons. Cash cathodes, £580-81; three months, £600-600.50. Sales, 625 tons (mainly carries). Morning.—Cash wire bars, £594-94.50; three months, £613.50-14.00. Settlement, £594.50. Sales, 3,850 tons (about half carries). Cash cathodes, £580.50-81.00; three months, £600-£601. Settlement, £581. Sales 4,650 tons (mainly carries).

SILVER futures were between 4p and 3p down. Bullion market (fixing levels): Spot, 209.15p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 423.8); three months, 214.85p (430.1c); six months, 220.60p (437.1c); one-year, 233.60p (465.2c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 208.9-09.3p; three months, 211.8-11.9p; seven months, 219-19.5p. Sales, 100 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 208.5-08.7p; three months, 214.4-14.5p; seven months, 221.8-22.0p. Settlement, 208.7p. Sales, 62 lots.

TIN was £7.50 down in the cash position and £6.50 for three months. The lack of physical demand was the main factor, trade sources said. Afternoon.—Standard cash, £3,056-59 a metric ton; three months, £3,127-28. Sales, 270 tons (mainly carries). High grade, cash, £3,058-59; three months, £3,127-28. Sales, nil. Morning.—Standard, cash, £3,056-61; three months, £3,126-28. Settlement, £3,061. Sales, 365 tons (mainly carries). High grade, cash, £3,056-61; three months, £3,126-28. Settlement, £3,061. Sales, nil tons. Singapore tin ex-works, $M958 a picul.

LEAD was quiet and featureless.—Afternoon.—Cash, £165.50-66 a metric ton; three months, £172.50-73. Sales, 225 tons. Morning.—Cash, £166.25-66.50; three months, £173-73.25. Settlement, £166.50. Sales, 2,135 tons (about half carries).

ZINC showed a sagging trend.—Afternoon.—Cash, £340-40.25 a metric ton; three months, £351.25-351.50. Sales, 1,250 tons. Morning.—Cash, £339.50-40.00; three months, £350.25-50.50. Settlement, £340. Sales, 900 tons. Producers' price, £390 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was 75p down at £69.50 ($140.75) a troy ounce.

RUBBER was uncertain.—Feb, 38.10-38.20p per kilo; March, 38.20-38.40p; April-June, 38.65-38.70p; July-Sept, 40.05-40.20p; Oct-Dec, 41.30-41.30p; Jan-March, 42.60-42.58p; April-June, 43.05-43.15p; July-Sept, 43.90-44.00p; Oct-Dec, 44.65-44.90p. Sales: 49 lots at 5 tonnes; 132 at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were irregular.—Spot, 36.75-37.75. Cifs, Feb, 35.15-35.25; March, 35.60-36.00.

COFFEE: Robusta futures were firm.—ROBUSTAS.—Jan, £827-832 per metric ton; March, £839-840; May, £846-848; July, £854-855; Sept, £860-861; Nov, £863-865; Jan, £867-870. Sales, 2,885 lots including 89 options.

ARABICAS were about steady.—Feb, $101.50-104.50 per 50 kilos; April, $100-106.50; June, $104-104.50; Aug, $104.70-105.75; Oct, $105.20-105.35; Dec, $106-108; Feb, $106.50-109.50. Sales, 30 lots.

COCOA: losses of £11.25 on March, £6.50 on May were not as bad as expected and reflected good underlying hedging support.—March, £717-18 per metric ton; May, £699-700; July, £688-89; Sept, £675.50-74.00; Dec, £657-58; March, £651.50-52.00; May, £647-48. Sales, 6,535 lots including one option.

SUGAR futures were easier. The London daily prices were "raws" £167 (£1 down); "whites" £187 (unchanged).—March, £164.75-64.80 per long ton; May, £165.40-65.50; Aug, £165.50-65.60; Oct, £165.30-65.35; Dec, £164.60-64.90; March, £164.50-64.65; May, £164.10-65.00. Sales: 3,615 lots. ISA prices: 14.39c; 17-day average, 13.93c.

SOYABEAN MEAL was steady.—Feb, £84.50-84.80 per metric ton; April, £85.50-85.70; June, £86.50-86.60; Aug, £87.40-87.50; Oct, £88.30-88.50; Dec, £89.60-89.60; Feb, £90.30-90.50. Sales, 57 lots.

WOOL: Greasy futures were steady.—March, 175-78p per kilo; May, 184-86p; July, 188-93p; Oct, 195-97p; Dec, 198-200p; March, 202.5-205p; May, 203.5-207p. Sales 8 lots.

JUTE was quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, Jan-Feb £195 per long ton; "D" Grade, Jan-Feb £188. Calcutta was closed for public holiday.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—WHEAT.—US dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent: March, £97.50; April-May, £92.50 direct, Tilbury; Jan, £97; Feb, £97.80; April-May, £97.05; May, £97.30 trans-shipment east coast. Argentine milling: Feb, £85.70; March, £86.50 trans-shipment east coast. EEC feed: Jan, £64; Feb, £65 east coast.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American-French: Jan, £64.50; Feb, £66.50; March, £68.25 east coast.

BARLEY.—EEC feed: Jan, £64.50; Feb, £65.20 east coast. All per long ton cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta).—EEC origin.—BARLEY was steady: Jan, £63.25; March, £65; May, £66.70; Sept, £65.75; Nov, £67.65. WHEAT was generally steadier: Jan, £64.50; March, £66; May, £67.55; Sept, £66.35; Nov, £68.35.

Home-Grown Cereals Authority's location ex-farm spot prices:

	Soft Milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
Gloucester	£64.30	£62.70	£62.45
Humberside	£64.10	£63.10	£63.15

MEAT COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 13: UK: Cattle, £23.35 per live cwt (—0.28). Sheep 40.3p per lb. EDCW (—0.7). Pigs £4.77 per SCLW (—0.08). England and Wales: Cattle numbers down 4.7 per cent, average price £23.11 (—0.32). Sheep numbers down 17.0 per cent, average price 40.5p (—0.6). Pig numbers down 11.6 per cent, average price £4.74 (—0.09). Scotland: Cattle numbers up 22.0 per cent, average price £24.18 (—0.42). Sheep numbers down 40.1 per cent, average price 36.8p (—2.3). Pig numbers up 12.1 per cent, average price £5.12 (—0.08).

EGGS (The London Egg Exchange).—In home-produced a firmer trade has developed following a strong demand for all grades. In imported the improved home market has stimulated interest for the larger sizes.

Home-produced market prices (in £, based on trading packer/first-hand):

	Wed/Thurs/Fri	Mon/Tues
White	£2.70-£2.90	£2.90-£3.00
Standard	£2.40-£2.60	£2.55-£2.70
Medium	£2.10-£2.30	£2.20-£2.40
Small	£1.80-£2.00	£1.80-£2.00
Brown		
Large	£3.20-£3.40	£3.30-£3.50
Standard	£2.60-£2.80	£2.70-£2.90

Imported prices (in £):

	Current Arrivals (Jan 12-17)	Forward Shipments
French 1	£3.45-£3.55	—
French 2	£3.30-£3.40	—
French 4	£3.00	—

All prices quoted are for bulk delivery in Keyes trays. The above range is a guide to general market conditions and is dependent upon location, quantity and whether delivered or not.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

$ STRAIGHTS

	Bid	Offer
AIDC 10¼ 1981	103¼	104¼
Air France 9¾ 1982	103¼	103¾
Airtaser 8¾ 1986	92¼	93¼
ARDB 9¼ 1980	101¼	102¼
Ashland 8 1987	93¼	94¼
Barclays Bank 9¼ 1982	101¼	102
BFCE 9 1982	100¼	101¼
Broken Hill Prop 9¼ 1981	102¼	103
British Steel Corp 8¾ 1989	90	93
Burlington 7¾ 1987	91	91¼
Carrier 8 1987	93¼	94
CECA 8¼ 1982	99¼	100
Chevron 7 1980	98	99¼
Conoco 7 1980	98	99¼
Conoco 8 1986	98¼	99¼
Cons Foods 7¼ 1991	89¼	90¼
CSR 9¼ 1980	101¼	102¼
Curacao Tokyo 8¾ 1988	94¼	95¼
Curacao Tokyo 10¼ 1981	102¼	103¼
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	93¼	94
Dana 8 1987	94	94¼
Denmark Kingdom 7¼ 1990	86	86¼
DSM 9¼ 1980	102¼	103¼
EIB 9 1980	101¼	102¼
EIB 9¼ 1985	101¼	102
Escom 9¾ 1989	91	93
Escom 10¼ 1983	100	100¼
Escom Floating Rate 1982	96¼	97¼
First Chicago 7 1980	96¼	96¼
GATX 8¾ 1987	94	95
Gould 9¼ 1985	100¼	101¼
Guardian Royal 8 1987	80	85
Gulf and Western 9¼ 1980	102	103
ICI 7¾ 1992	86	89
International Util 8¾ 1982	96¼	97¼
Motorola 8 1987	95	96
National Coal Board 8¾ 1988	90	93
New Zealand 9 1980	102	103
New Zealand 9¼ 1982	102¼	103¼
Nippon Fudosan 10¼ 1980	102¼	103¼
Nippon Steel 9¼ 1980	100¼	101¼
N A Rockwell 8¼ 1987	93¼	94¼
Occidental 10 1981	102¼	103¼
Ontario Hydro 9 1980	103	104
Pacific Lighting 9¼ 1981	104¼	105¼
Pacific Lighting 8 1987	93¼	94¼
Pennwalt 8 1987	93¼	94¼
Ralston Purina 7¼ 1987	93¼	94¼
Scanraff 7¼ 1990	91¼	92¼
Scanraff 8¼ 1988	98¼	99¼
Shell 7¼ 1987	94¼	95¼
Singer 11 1977	97	99
Skandinaviska 10¼ 1981	105	106
Standard Oil 8¼ 1980	102¼	103¼
Standard Oil 8¼	100¼	101¼
Standard Oil 8¼ 1988	101	102
Statsgoreteg 9¼ 1980	101	102
Sybron 8 1987	93¼	95¼
Tenneco 7¾ 1987	90¼	91¼
Textron 7¾ 1987	91	92
Transocean Gulf 7¾ 1987	94	95
Union Oil 7¼ 1987	94¼	95¼
Williams & Glyns 8¼ 1987	84	87

DM BONDS

	Bid	Offer
CFP 8¾ 1985	99	100
Denmark 8¼ 1989	100	101
ICI 8¼ 1982	94¼	95¼
Mexico 9 1982	99¼	100¼
National Westminster 8 1988	95¼	96¼
Sumitomo Metal Inds 8¼ 1982	100¼	101¼
Sun Int Fin 7¾ 1988	92	93

$ CONVERTIBLES

	Bid	Offer
AMF 5 1987	64	66
American Express 4¼ 1987	86	88
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1992	98	100
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	112	114
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1993	109	111
Borden 5 1992	97¼	99¼
Borden 6¾ 1991	105	107
Broadway Hale 4¼ 1987	79	81
Carnation 4 1988	87	89
Chevron 5 1988	100	102
Cummins 6 1986	81	83
Dart 4¼ 1987	88	90
Eastman Kodak 4¼ 1988	124	126
Economic Labs 4¼ 1987	81	83
Federated Dept Stores 4¼ 1985	133	135
Ford 5 1988	80	82
Ford 6 1986	90	92
Gillette 4¾ 1987	79	81
Gould 5 1987	87	89
General Electric 4¼ 1987	88	90
Gulf and Western 5 1988	90	92
Harris 5 1987	73	75
Honeywell 6 1986	79¼	81¼
ITT 4¼ 1987	67	69
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	124	126
J. P. Morgan 4¼ 1987	107¼	109¼
Nabisco 5¼ 1988	95¼	97¼
Owens Illinois 4¼ 1987	97¼	99¼
J. C. Penney 4¼ 1987	84¼	86¼
Revlon 4¼ 1987	103¼	105¼
Rank Org 4¼ 1995	48	50
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1988	88	90
Squibb 4¼ 1987	86¼	88¼
Texaco 4¼ 1988	76	78
Union Carbide 4¼ 1982	119	121
Warner Lambert 4¼ 1987	94	96
Xerox Corp 5 1988	75	77

DM=Deutschmark issue.
Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

Foreign Exchange

Sterling and the French franc weakened in erratic European currency trading yesterday, both needing some light central bank support, according to dealers.

Sterling closed at $2.0250 against the dollar, down 60 points, after dipping to $2.0235 briefly. Its depreciation rate closed at a worse level, at 30.2 per cent from 30.0 overnight.

The pound's decline was accompanied by speculation some small oil exporting states were liquidating the UK currency, dealers said.

Gold fell $5.00 an ounce to $131.75.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) January 13	Market rates (close) January 13
New York	$2.0235-0320	$2.0245-0255
Montreal	$2.0405-0535	$2.0420-0440
Amsterdam	5.41-44fl	5.41¼-42¼fl
Brussels	79.50-80.00f	79.85-75f
Copenhagen	12.48-52k	12.49-50k
Frankfurt	5.27¼-30¼m	5.28-29m
Lisbon	55.15-65e	55.20-40e
Madrid	120.80-121.50p	120.85-121.05p
Milan	1383-96lr	1389-89lr
Oslo	11.22-30k	11.25¼-26¼k
Paris	9.08-11f	9.09-07f
Stockholm	8.89-92k	8.89¼-90¼k
Tokyo	615-23y	617¼-18¼y
Vienna	37.10-50sch	37.20-40sch
Zurich	5.27-31f	5.27¼-28¼f

Effective depreciation since Dec 21, 1971 up 0.2 to 30.2 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	1.00-.90c prem	2.50-2.40c prem
Montreal	.25-.15c prem	.57-.47c prem
Amsterdam	3-2c prem	7¼-6¼c prem
Brussels	40-30c prem	95-75c prem
Copenhagen	8-6ore prem	16¼-14¼ore prem
Frankfurt	3¼-2¼pf prem	9-8pf prem
Lisbon	par-100c disc	par-150c disc
Madrid	par-40c disc	40-90c disc
Milan	3-1lr prem	4¼-2¼lr prem
Oslo	5¼-3¼ore prem	14-12ore prem
Paris	4-3c prem	10¼-8¼c prem
Stockholm	2¼-1ore prem	5-3ore prem
Vienna	40-15gro prem	70-40gro prem
Zurich	4¼-3¼c prem	11¼-10¼c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.9907-10.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 4¼-5¼; seven days, 4¾-5¼; one month, 4¾-5¼; three months, 5¼-5¾; six months, 5¾-6¼.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $128.60 (an ounce); pm, $132. Krugerrand: (per coin): $133-135 (£65¼-66¼) (domestic); $133¼-135¼ (£66-67) (international). Sovereigns: (old), $38¼-40¼ (£19¼-20) (new); $39¼-41¼ (£19¼-20¼) (international).

W. H. SMITH

Company proposes that employees be given chance to acquire "A" ordinary shares under a save-as-you-earn share option scheme. Nominal value of shares to be made available will be £840,000—5 per cent of issued ordinary capital.

Discount market

Credit was in plentiful supply and houses were able to find their balances very cheaply. Banks asked 10⅛ per cent at the outset, but houses resisted and did not really take on any money dearer than 10⅛ per cent.

The session was barely an hour old before rates had dropped to 10 per cent, and from there they went on falling until closing balances were taken within a band of 4 to 5 per cent.

The Bank of England "mopped up" on a very large scale, selling Treasury bills both to the banks and to the houses.

Working against the market was the Treasury bill take-up, a modest figure for note outflow, and a small sum for the gilt-edged settlement. But liquidity was available via somewhat overfull bank balances brought over from Monday and a very large excess of Exchequer disbursements over Revenue intake.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 11¼%
(Last changed 2/1/76)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 10½%
Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: Open 10½ Close 5
Week Fixed: 10¼-10

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	10¼	2 months	9¹⁵⁄₁₆
3 months	9⁵⁄₁₆	3 months	9¹⁵⁄₁₆

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	10¼-10	3 months	10¾
3 months	9¹⁵⁄₁₆-9²⁷⁄₃₂	4 months	10¾
4 months	9¾-9¾	6 months	10¾
6 months	9¹¹⁄₁₆-9½		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	10¼-10¼	7 months	10¼-10¼
2 months	10¼-10¼	8 months	10¼-10¼
3 months	10¼-10¼	9 months	10¼-10¼
4 months	10¼-10¼	10 months	10¼-10¼
5 months	10¼-10¼	11 months	10¼-10¼
6 months	10¼-10¼	12 months	10¼-10¼

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%)

1 month	10¼-10¼	6 months	10-9⅞
3 months	10¹⁄₁₆-9¹⁵⁄₁₆	12 months	10¼-10

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	9¼-10	3 months	10¼-10⅛
7 days	9¾-10	6 months	10¼-10⅛
1 month	10¼	1 year	10¾

Interbank Market (%)
Overnight: Open 10¼-10½ Close 10

1 week	10¼-10	6 months	9¾
1 month	10⅛-10¹⁄₁₆	9 months	10-9¹⁵⁄₁₆
3 months	9¹⁵⁄₁₆-9¾	12 months	10¼-10

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months 10¾ 6 months 10¾

Finance House Base Rate 11½%

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Bristol 13¼% 1981 (£99¼)	£104-¼
Coventry 13¼% 1980 (£99¼)	£54¼
Elandsrand Gold 20c (R3)	285-5
Essex Wtr 5¼% (¼)	£101
Lee Valley Wtr 9¼% Rd Pf (?)	199

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Amber Day (10½)		17½ prem-1
Brooke Bond (32½)	Feb 20	9¾ prem-1
Lake And Elliot (30½)	Mar 12	10½ prem
Nat Bnk Aust (A$1.85)	Feb 13	145 prem-2
Trafalgar House (85c)	Feb 6	27 prem

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £45 paid. b £10 paid. c £30 paid. d £50 paid. g £60 paid. h £25 paid. i £40 paid.

CAVENHAM—GRAND UNION

Board has so far received about 1.73m shares (nearly 80 per cent) of Grand Union. Cavenham intends to accept all tendered shares as soon as tax consolidation is achieved.

Wall Street

New York, Jan 13.—Turnover on the New York Stock Exchange this morning ballooned to near record proportions as the stock market's new year advance swung into its eighth consecutive session.

The Dow-Jones industrial average was up around 2¼ points at 924.75 near midday, and brought to nearly 75 points the jump in the blue chip average since the first of the year.

By the end of the first hour of trading, exchange volume was 9.85 million shares, the third busiest first hour in history. The heaviest volume for a first hour was on February 13, 1975, when 10.20 million shares changed hands.

Yesterday the industrial average climbed 11.26 points to 922.39.

Advancing issues outpaced declines by about 1,185 to 365. Volume totalled 30,440,000 shares.

NY silver 7c up

New York, Jan 12.—COMEX SILVER futures closed 6.20c to 7.00c up, with an estimated 12,120 contracts. The market was well supported by speculative buying for the most part, with late local covering aiding the advance. Jan, 430.30c; Feb, 431.00c; March, 433.50c; May, 439.00c; July, 444.70c; Sept, 450.50c; Dec, 459.60c; Jan, 462.60c; March, 468.70c; May, 474.80c. Handy & Harman, 426.50c (previous, 423.50c). Handy & Harman of Canada, Canadian $4.32 ($4.30).

GOLD.—New York Comex sales were estimated at 769; estimated Chicago IMM volume was 1,272. NY COMEX.—Jan, $136.40; Feb, $136.90; March, $137.50; April, $138.00; June, $139.20; Aug, $140.60; Oct, $142.00; Dec, $143.40; Feb, $144.90; April, $146.50. CHICAGO IMM.—March, $137.30-137.10; June, $138.80; Sept, $141.00; Dec, $143.50; March, $146.30.

COPPER.—Steady; 2,727 estimated sales. Jan, 56.70c; Feb, 56.90c; March, 57.30c; May, 58.10c; July, 58.90c; Sept, 59.70c; Dec, 60.50c; Jan, 60.80c.

SUGAR.—World futures finished 0.07c to 0.11c up. Estimated sales were 2,826. Spot, 14.35c off 0.15c; March, 14.18-14.15c; May, 14.10-14.09c; July, 14.03c; Sept, 14.03c; Oct, 14.00-14.02c; Jan, 13.92s nominal; March, 13.95-13.92c; May, 13.94-13.91c.

COCOA.—Tone easy: 1,342 estimated sales. March, 64.40c; May, 61.95c; July, 60.05c; Sept, 58.55c; Dec, 56.20c; March, 54.90c. Spots: Ghana 74, Bahia 71¼.

COFFEE.—Future ended up the 2.00s limit in March and up near the limit in other months. Volume was estimated at 591. March, 93.65c; May, 93.25c; July, 93.70-93.68c; Sept, 93.75-93.90c; Dec, 93.85-93.80c.

COTTON.—Futures closed near the day's highs and at new peaks for the season. March, 62.99-63.05c; May, 63.80-63.90c; July, 63.66c; Oct, 60.90-60.98c; Dec, 58.40-58.50c; March, 58.85-59.00c; May, 59.00c.

WOOL.—Grease wool and Crossbred were tradeless. GREASE WOOL.—Spot, 170.0c nominal; March, 165.0-170.0c; May, 161.0-168.0c; July, 160.0-165.0c; Oct, 160.0-165.0c; Dec, 160.0-165.0c; March, 160.0-166.0c; May, 160.0-165.0c. CROSSBRED.—Spot 97.5c nominal; March, 94.0-100.0c; May, 93.5-101.0c; July, 94.5-102.0c; Oct, 92.0-103.0c; Dec, 92.0c; March, 92.0c; May, 92.0c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS.—Soyabean futures rose sharply to end with advances of 11½c to 16c. Meal finished $0.20 to $2.10 higher, while oil was 1.07c higher in the spot months and gained 0.90c to the 1.00c limit in other months. SOYABEANS.—Jan, 481-480c; March, 488½-487c; May, 496-497c; July, 504½-504c; Aug, 507-508c; Sept, 514c; Nov, 517-518c; Jan, 522c. SOYABEAN MEAL.—Jan, $131.80-131.90; March, $137.50-137.20; (New) March, $133.00; May, $137.00-137.10; July, $139.00-139.50; Aug, $141.00; Sept, $141.00-141.50; Oct, $141.50; Dec, $142.00-142.50. SOYABEAN OIL.—Jan, 17.20-17.25c; March, 17.28c; May, 17.47c; July, 17.65c; Aug, 17.75c; Sept, 17.80c; Oct, 17.80c; Dec, 17.90c.

CHICAGO GRAINS.—WHEAT closed 10c to 11½c higher. March, 362-361½c; May, 368½-368c; July, 369½-371c; Sept, 377c; Dec, 381-385c. MAIZE closed 2c to 3½c higher. March, 270-269½c; May, 275¼-276c; July, 279½c; Sept, 277½c; Dec, 269½-270c; March, 276c. OATS closed ¼c to 2¼c higher. March, 155c; May, 150¼c; July, 145½c; Sept, 145c.

	Jan 12	Jan 9
Allied Chem	38¼	37
Allied Stores	48¼	48¼
Allied Supermkt	5¼	5¼
Allis Chalmers	13¼	13
Alcoa	43¼	42¼
Amax Inc	50¼	49¼
Amerada Hess	19¼	19¼
Am Airlines	8¼	9¼
Am Brands	40¼	39¼
Am Broadcast	23	22¼
Am Can	31¼	33
Am Cyanamid	26¼	25¼
Am Elec Power	22	21¼
Am Home	32¼	33¼
Am Motors	5¼	5¼
Am Nat Gas	34	34
Am Standard	19¼	18¼
Am Telephone	52¼	52
AMF Inc	20¼	20¼
Anaconda	17¼	17¼
Armco Steel	30	29¼
Asarco	16	15¼
Ashland Oil	22¼	22¼
Atlntic Richfield	97¼	97
Avco	6¼	5¼
Avon Products	37¼	35¼
Babcock & Wcox	21¼	19¼
Bankers Tst NY	30¼	30¼
Bank of America	43¼h	44¼h
Bank of NY	29¼	29¼
Beatrice Foods	25¼	25
Bell & Howell	15¼	15¼
Bendix	46¼	46¼
Bethlehem Steel	36¼	38
Boeing	27	27
Boise Cascade	25¼	25¼
Borden	27¼	27
Borg Warner	23¼	23¼
Bristol Myers	73¼	72¼
BP	13¼	12¼
Budd	10¼	10¼
Burlington Ind	22¼	22¼
Burlington Nthn	35	35¼
Burroughs	90¼	87¼
Campbell Soup	34	34¼
Canadian Pacific	13¼	13¼
Caterpillar	73¼	74
Celanese	47¼	47
Central Soya	16¼	16¼
Charter NY	22¼	23
Chase Manhat	27¼	28¼
Chem Bank NY	30¼	31¼
Chesapeake Ohio	37	36¼
Chrysler	12¼	12¼
Citicorp	29¼	30¼
Cities Service	40¼	40¼
Clark Equip	29¼	29¼
Coca Cola	88¼	88¼
Colgate	30¼	29¼
CBS	52¼	50¼
Columbia Gas	24¼	23¼
Combustion Eng	38¼	36¼
Comwlth Edison	30¼	31
Cons Edison	15¼	15¼
Cons Foods	23¼	23¼
Cons Power	20¼	19¼
Continental Can	27	27¼
Continental Oil	67¼	66
Control Data	20¼	20¼
Corning Glass	47¼	46¼
CPC Intnl	44¼	44¼
Crane	51¼	51¼
Crocker Int	22¼	22¼
Crown Zeller	39¼	38
Dart Ind	32¼	31¼
Deere	53¼	52¼
Del Monte	24¼	23¼
Delta Air	39	38
Detroit Edison	14¼	14¼
Disney	53	52¼
Dow Chemical	100¼	98¼
Dresser Ind	63¼	63¼
Duke Power	19¼	19¼
Du Pont	140¼	137¼
Eastern Air	4¼	4¼
Eastman Kodak	111¼	109¼
Eaton Corp	31¼	31¼
El Paso Nat Gas	12¼	12¼
Equitable Life	20¼	20¼
Esmark	34¼	33¼
Evans P. D.	5¼	5¼
Exxon Corp	92¼	92
Fed Dept Stores	54¼	55
Firestone	23¼	23¼
Fst Chicago	17¼	17¼
Fst Nat Boston	23¼	23¼
Fst Penn Corp	18¼	18¼
Ford	48¼	45¼
GAF Corp	12¼	12
Gamble Skogmo	24¼	24¼
Gen Dynamics	41¼	41¼
Gen Electric	51¼	50¼
Gen Foods	28¼	29¼
Gen Instrument	9¼	9¼
Gen Mills	30¼	29¼
Gen Motors	61¼	60¼
Gen Pub Util NY	18	17¼
Gen Tel Elec	26	26
Gen Tire	19¼	19¼
Genesco	5¼	5¼
Georgia Pacific	47¼	46¼
Getty Oil	173¼	173¼
Gillette	34¼	33¼
Goodrich	22¼	20¼
Goodyear	22¼	21
Gould Inc	27¼	26¼
Grace	29¼	28
Gt Atlc & Pacific	11¼	11¼
Greyhound	14¼	14¼
Grumman Corp	14¼	14¼
Gulf Oil	21¼	21¼
Gulf & West	21¼	22¼
Heinz H. J.	51	51¼
Hercules	30¼	29¼
Honeywell	37¼	35¼
IC Inds	17¼	16¼
Ingersoll	78¼	77¼
Inland Steel	44¼	43¼
IBM	235¼	231¼
Int Harvester	24¼	24¼
Int Nickel	26¼	26¼
Int Paper	62¼	61¼
Int Tel Tel	24¼	23¼
Jewel Co	30¼	30¼
Jim Walter	40¼	39¼
Johns-Manville	24¼	23¼
Johnson & Johns	92¼	91¼
Kaiser Alumin	29¼	29¼
Kennecott	32¼	32¼
Kerr McGee	78¼	78¼
Kimberly Clark	40¼	40¼
Kraftco Corp	43¼	43¼
Kresge SS	35	34¼
Kroger	19¼	19¼
Ling Tmco	38¼	32¼
LTV	11¼	11¼
Litton	7¼	7
Lockheed	7¼	7¼
Lucky Stores	17	16¼
Manuf Hanover	30¼	30¼
Mapco	35¼	34¼
Marathon Oil	45¼	45¼
Marcor Inc	29¼	29¼
Marine Midland	11¼	11¼
Martin Marietta	17¼	16¼
McDonnell	17¼	16¼
Mead	20¼	19¼
Merck	72¼	70¼
Minnesota Mng	59¼	57¼
Mobil Oil	50¼	49¼
Monsanto	80¼	78¼
Morgan J. P.	55¼	55
Motorola	46¼	45
NCR Corp	27¼	27¼
NL Industries	14¼	13¼
Nabisco	40¼	40¼
Nat Distillers	17¼	17¼
Nat Steel	41¼	41
Norfolk West	71¼	70¼
NW Bancorp	46¼	46¼
Norton Simon	24¼	23¼
Occidental Pet	14¼	15
Ogden	17¼	16¼
Olin Corp	64¼	32¼
Otis Elevator	37¼	37¼
Owens-Illinois	57¼	57¼
Pacific Gas Elec	22¼	23
Pan Am	5¼	5¼
Penn Central	1¼	1¼
Penney J. C.	54	52¼
Pennzoil	20¼	20¼
Pepsico	74¼	73
Pet Inc	25¼	25¼
Pfizer	29	28¼
Phelps Dodge	38¼	38¼
Philip Morris	58	56¼
Phillips Petrol	55	54¼
Polaroid	36¼	35¼
PPG Ind	37	36¼
Proctor Gamble	95¼	94¼
Pub Ser El & Gas	19	18¼
Pullman	30¼	29
Rapid American	5¼	6
Raytheon	50	48¼
RCA Corp	21¼	21
Republic Steel	31¼	31¼
Reynolds Ind	64¼	63¼
Reynolds Metal	26¼	26
Rockwell Int	25	25¼
Royal Dutch	43¼	42¼
Safeways	47¼	46¼
St Regis Paper	37¼	36
Santa Fe Ind	34	34
SCM	13¼	13¼
Schlumberger	82¼	79¼
Scott Paper	18	17¼
Seaboard Coast	24	24
Seagram	25¼	25¼
Sears Roebuck	70¼	69¼
Shell Oil	50¼	51¼
Shell Trans	32¼	32¼
Signal Co	16¼	16¼
Singer	11¼	10¼
Sony	10	10
Sth Cal Edison	21¼	20¼
Southern Pacific	32¼	32¼
Southern Rly	55	54¼
Sperry Rand	42¼	40¼
Squibb	35¼	35¼
Std Brands	39¼	39¼
Std Oil California	30¼	31
Std Oil Indiana	45	44¼
Std Oil Ohio	78¼	76¼
Sterling Drug	19¼	18¼
Stevens J. P.	18¼	19
Stude Worth	42¼	42¼
Sunbeam Corp	22¼	22¼
Sundstrand	16¼	16
Sun Oil	28¼	28
Teledyne	27¼	26¼
Tenneco	28¼	27¼
Texaco	25¼	25¼
Texas East Trans	30¼	29¼
Texas Inst	100¼	99
Texas Utilities	23	23
Textron	23	23
TWA	8¼	8
Travelers Corp	27¼	26¼
TRW Inc	26¼	26¼
UAL Inc	25¼	23¼
Unilever Ltd	35¼	36¼
Unilever NV	47¼	47
Unionamerica	3¼	3¼
Union Bancorp	9¼	9¼
Union Carbide	65¼	65¼
Union Oil Calif	44¼	43¼
Un Pacific Corp	80	78¼
Uniroyal	8¼	8¼
United Brands	6¼	6
Utd Merch & Man	15¼	14¼
US Industries	3¼	4
US Steel	72¼	71
Utd Technol	51	51¼
Wachovia	20¼	20¼
Warner Comm	20¼	19¼
Warner Lambert	36¼	35¼
Wells Fargo	18¼	18¼
West'n Bancorp	19¼	19¼
Westnghse Elec	14¼	14¼
Weyerhauser	40¼	39¼
Whirlpool	28¼	27¼
White Motor	6¼	7¼
Woolworth	22¼	23¼
Xerox Corp	57	55¼
Zenith	27¼	26

Canadian Prices

Abitibi	9¼	9¼
Alcan Alumin	23¼	22¼
Algoma Steel	24¼	24¼
Bell Telephone	44	43¼
Cominco	34¼	34¼
Cons Bathurst	26	26
Falconbridge	30¼	30¼
Gulf Oil	23¼	23¼
Hawker/Sid Can	7.25	7.25
Hudson Bay Mm	15¼	15¼
Hudson Bay Oil	35¼	35¼
Imasco	27	26¼
Imperial Oil	22¼	22¼
Int Pipe	12¼	12¼
Mass.-Fergsn	21¼	21
Royal Trust	20¼	20 h
Seagram	29	28¼
Slater Walker	8¼	8 h
Steel Co	26¼	26¼
Walker Hiram	31¼	31¼
WCT	23¼	23¼

a Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New Issue. p Stock Split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, $2.0318 ($2.0310); three months, $2.0072 ($2.0068); Canadian dollar, 99.00c (98.65c).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index rose 1.45 to 303.76. The futures index was up 2.98 at 297.16.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 922.39 (911.05); transportation, 188.41 (185.81); utilities, 88.70 (87.97); 65 stocks, 280.88 (279.46).

New York Stock Exchange index, 50.99 (50.29); industrials, 56.69 (55.80); transportation, 35.52 (34.92); utilities, 34.86 (34.67); financial, 48.68 (48.24).

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

1975/76 High	Low	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Authorised Unit Trusts			
		Abacus Arbuthnot Ltd, Barbican Hse, Fountain St, Man'r. 061-236 9775			
33.6	20.6	Giants	32.2	34.8	3.65
35.1	21.2	Do Accum	33.1	35.7	3.65
30.1	20.2	Growth	29.1	31.2	3.82
32.2	18.9	Do Accum	31.9	32.2	3.78
23.9	15.5	Income	21.3	23.7	10.90
36.5	23.4	Do Accum	36.5	39.3	10.50
26.5	15.4	East & Int Accum	26.7	29.0	2.50
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers, 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury. 0296 5941			
31.3	19.4	Abbey Capital	31.4	34.9	3.86
36.3	19.4	Abbey General	34.1	36.4	3.86
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Invest	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Allen Trust Managers Ltd, 14 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2. 01-588 6321			
59.8	33.5	Allen Trust	56.6	60.9	3.56
50.8	24.3	Do Income	48.0	52.7	5.85
		Allied Hambro Group, Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex. 01-588 2851			
54.9	30.3	Allied Capital	56.7	60.6	5.11
53.3	31.4	Do 1st	53.0	56.5	5.01
51.5	29.3	Brit Ind 2nd	53.8	55.9	5.49
29.9	16.2	Growth & Inc	29.7	31.7	6.67
25.7	14.8	Elec & Ind Dev	25.5	27.2	5.24
38.9	23.3	Met Min & Cmdty	36.9	39.4	5.46
49.5	31.1	High Income	49.5	52.9	8.45
20.5	16.4	Equity Income	30.8	33.0	8.38
49.8	19.8	International	49.5	52.5	8.38
45.4	25.8	High Yield	45.4	48.5	9.09
36.9	23.9	Hambro Fnd	36.9	31.3	6.34
42.9	20.1	Do Income	42.9	45.7	8.67
103.0	44.3	Do Recovery	103.0	110.1	8.94
19.1	9.9	Do Smaller Co	19.1	20.4	5.43
22.5	12.4	Do Accum	22.5	24.0	4.30
24.2	13.6	2nd Smaller	24.2	25.8	3.84
45.2	24.4	Secs of America	45.2	48.3	3.09
134.2	88.9	Exempt Fnd	134.2	143.3	6.33
		Barclays Unicorn Ltd, 252 Romford Road, London, E7. 01-534 5544			
34.1	25.4	Unicorn America	34.2	36.6	1.78
52.4	32.6	Aust Income	49.0	52.4	3.49
72.5	30.5	Do Accum	56.7	72.5	3.49
58.1	28.1	Unicorn Capital	58.0	62.0	4.30
77.3	30.3	Exempt	76.5	79.7	8.15
22.4	11.1	Extra Income	22.3	23.7	7.72
32.2	22.4	Financial	32.0	36.2	4.06
52.1	26.5	Unicorn 500	52.9	55.6	5.84
24.6	12.0	General	24.2	26.1	5.93
29.8	14.9	Growth Accum	29.8	31.7	4.38
62.1	30.3	Income	61.9	65.8	6.31
27.2	14.9	Recovery	26.3	28.1	5.04
89.6	44.7	Trustee	89.2	88.8	5.15
43.6	24.8	Worldwide	43.6	32.0	2.98
143.1	97.0	B'ist Inv Fnd	143.1	147.5	5.38
148.6	97.5	Do Accum	148.6	153.2	5.38
		Brandts Ltd, 36 Fenchurch St, London, EC3. 01-626 6599			
113.0	85.0	Brandts Cap (4)	98.5	103.5	2.18
113.0	89.0	Do Accum (4)	106.0	114.0	2.13
111.5	75.0	Brandts Inc (4)	111.5	118.5	7.37
		Bridge Talisman Fund Manager Ltd, 5-9 Mincing Lane, EC3. 01-623 4951			
187.0	113.0	B.T. Income (2)	187.0	204.0	7.72
28.0	16.0	Do Cap Inc (2)	26.2	27.8	2.02
28.3	16.8	Do Cap Acc (2)	26.9	28.6	2.02
90.8	50.0	Do Exempt (2)	90.0	96.0	5.20
13.5	9.3	Do Int Inc (2)	13.3	14.2	4.43
13.6	9.8	Do Int Acc	13.6	14.5	4.45
		The British Life, Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells. 0892 22271			
43.7	22.8	British Life	43.5	46.4	5.31
35.8	17.5	Balanced (2)	35.9	38.0	5.97
34.8	18.1	Cap Accum (2)	34.9	38.9	4.12
33.6	19.9	Dividend (2)	33.6	35.5	7.36
		Brown Shipley Unit Fund Managers, Founder's Court, Lothbury, EC2. 01-600 8520			
161.1	105.1	Brn Ship Inc (1)	161.1	168.1	5.74
186.4	118.9	Do Accum (1)	186.4	191.4	5.74
		Canada Life Unit Trust Managers, 2-6 High St, Potters Bar, Herts. P Bar 51122			
31.4	16.2	Canlife Gen	31.4	33.1	4.81
38.4	17.4	Do Accum	38.4	37.3	4.81
32.4	17.7	Income Dist	32.4	33.8	6.97
32.8	19.0	Do Accum	32.5	34.2	7.37
		Capel (James) Management Ltd, 100 Old Broad St, EC2N 1BQ. 01-588 6010			
82.0	48.5	Capital Fnd (22)	82.0	84.8	3.80
87.4	48.5	Income Fnd (22)	87.4	89.8	6.83
		Carliol Unit Fund Managers Ltd, Milburn Hse, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 0632 21165			
61.7	31.7	Carliol (6)	56.9	59.4	3.69
67.7	38.3	Do Accum	64.0	68.3	3.69
29.5	24.5	Do High Yld	29.2	31.2	8.85
30.9	24.9	Do Accum	30.6	32.6	8.85
		Charities Official Investment, 77 London Wall, London, EC2. 01-588 1815			
107.9	59.3	Inc (24)	..	107.9	6.79
163.2	79.6	Accum (24)	..	163.3	4.90
		Charterhouse Japhet Unit Management Ltd, 1 Paternoster Row, London, EC4. 01-248 3999			
20.8	13.4	Int (3)	20.4	21.8	2.40
22.6	14.4	Accum (3)	22.4	24.0	2.40
31.6	20.4	Inc (3)	31.6	33.8	8.36
28.4	19.8	Euro Fin (3)	28.4	30.4	4.22
27.8	18.8	Fund Inv (3)	24.2	25.8	3.90
		Crescent Unit Trust Managers Ltd, 4 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh. 031-226 4931			
22.1	8.9	Growth Fnd	22.0	23.3	4.10
41.7	26.0	International	41.7	44.7	1.93
32.6	18.1	Reserves Fnd	32.3	35.3	3.88
38.3	18.8	High Dist	38.1	40.9	8.28
		Equitas Securities Ltd, 41 Bishopsgate, London, EC2. 01-588 2851			
54.5	26.0	Progressive	54.1	57.1	4.60
		Equity & Law Unit Trust Managers Ltd, Amersham Rd, H Wycombe, Bucks. 0494 32815			
51.9	22.3	Equity & Law	51.9	54.5	3.92
		Framlington Unit Trust Management Ltd, Framlington Hse, 5-7 Ireland Yd, EC4. 01-248 6971			
57.0	26.8	Capital	57.0	60.6	5.17
57.0	24.0	Income	57.0	60.6	7.31
		Friends' Provident Unit Trust Managers Ltd, 7 Leadenhall St, London, EC3. 01-626 4511			
31.4	13.0	Friends Prov	31.4	33.5	4.31
37.0	14.8	Do Accum	37.0	39.5	4.37
		Funds in Court, Public Trustee, Kingsway, WC2. 01-405 4300			
85.8	46.0	Capital	82.0	86.0	4.47
65.9	40.0	Gross Income	62.0	65.9	7.85
72.0	43.0	High Yield	70.6	74.0	8.94
		G and A Unit Trust Managers Ltd, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300			
25.8	15.6	G & A	25.7	27.4	4.77
		G.T. Unit Managers Ltd, 16 St. Martin's-Le-Grand, EC1. 01-600 9461 Ext 13			
63.6	36.1	GT Cap	62.9	66.9	3.30
71.6	38.8	Do Accum	71.6	76.1	3.10
108.8	72.5	Do Income	108.6	113.5	8.60
149.8	119.7	Do US Gen Fnd	134.7	139.8	1.10
178.4	116.4	Do Japan Gen	178.4	188.5	0.70
115.6	58.9	Do Pension Ex	115.6	120.5	2.20
		Gartmore Fund Managers, 1 St Mary Axe, EC3A 8BP. 01-283 3531			
22.7	15.0	American Fnd	22.7	25.6	1.20
36.9	22.7	Gartmore Brit	36.9	39.7	4.06
130.0	100.0	Capital	130.0	138.8	2.80
100.6	80.5	Exempt	98.5	103.6	4.53
36.4	22.1	High Income	38.4	41.2	10.12
51.6	46.2	Income	48.5	51.3	7.12
13.23	12.20	Ins Agencies	13.15	14.14	2.97
28.5	19.8	International	26.9	28.9	1.80
		Guardian Royal Exchange Unit Man Ltd, Royal Exchange, London, EC3. 01-283 1071			
72.3	31.9	Guardhill	72.2	74.8	4.30
		Henderson Administration, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300; 11 Austin Friars, London, EC2N 2ED			
39.9	22.5	Aust Trst	38.6	41.3	2.65
67.3	33.3	Cabot	65.5	70.0	4.00
28.9	20.7	Cap Accum	26.9	28.6	4.61
38.6	24.8	European	38.1	40.7	3.53
47.0	28.3	Far East Trst	46.6	49.1	1.34
23.3	21.4	Financial Tst	23.4	24.9	3.71
100.5	80.5	Henderson Gr	99.5	103.0	3.77
39.8	24.5	High Income	39.7	41.8	9.47
34.5	24.8	Inc & Assets	33.5	35.0	5.58
23.9	17.5	International	23.2	24.7	3.11
30.4	20.4	Nth American	30.9	32.8	3.11
23.2	18.5	Oil & Nat Res	21.7	23.2	4.90
68.8	48.3	World Wide	68.8	73.6	5.42
		Hill Samuel Unit Trust Managers Ltd, 45 Beech St, EC2 P2LX. 01-628 8011			
61.1	40.8	Dollar	61.1	65.3	2.46
31.7	21.6	International	31.7	34.0	2.64
129.4	64.4	British Tst	129.4	138.0	5.69
139.2	64.4	Do Guernsey	129.0	138.0	3.05
37.1	9.9	Capital	34.7	38.5	3.81
96.1	56.9	Financial Tst	93.6	99.3	3.83
23.9	15.0	Income Tst	23.5	25.0	7.82
22.5	10.4	High Yield	22.3	24.0	9.91
45.5	19.1	Security Tst	43.8	47.5	4.89
		Inter Based Securities Ltd, 31 Lower Rd, Edinburgh. 031-226 1421			
21.3	19.5	Compound (1)	22.3	23.3	3.51
23.3	16.8	Do Accum (1)	23.3	20.7	3.52
20.3	13.0	8¼% Wdraw	20.3	21.3	3.52
23.7	17.4	Preference	23.5	24.3	13.24
31.5	10.8	Do Accum	31.3	30.7	13.24
17.4	9.9	Cap (8)	17.3	18.6	..
15.6	16.2	Aust Comp Fnd	15.4	16.5	5.18
14.0	10.7	6¾ W'draw	14.0	15.1	..
22.6	18.1	Sector Ldrs (3)	21.4	23.0	4.90
16.4	10.4	Fin & Prop (3)	15.3	16.4	4.79
31.2	22.8	Inv Growth (4)	30.8	33.1	4.30
20.8	16.1	Illin Son (3)	20.5	20.8	2.27
37.3	23.5	Commodity (5)	35.3	38.2	7.56
48.1	28.4	Do Accum (5)	46.1	49.8	7.56
37.7	21.1	10% W'draw (5)	35.1	37.9	..
		Key Fund Managers, 25 Milk St, EC2V 8JE. 01-606 7070			
54.7	31.7	Cap Fund	54.7	56.5	4.34
82.6	50.6	Energy Ind Fnd	82.4	85.6	4.19
78.2	48.1	Exempt Fnd (26)	78.2	81.0	7.37
58.3	32.7	Int Fnd	57.3	61.6	7.41
59.0	41.5	KPIP	51.0	58.6	4.98
		Lawson Securities Ltd, 63 George Street, Edinburgh. 031-226 3911			
22.9	9.4	American Fnd	21.7	23.3	2.50
28.8	20.5	Do Accum	21.5	23.3	2.50
30.6	21.6	Gilt & Warrant	30.6	32.5	2.50
40.6	27.3	High Yield Fnd	40.6	44.6	12.00
44.3	28.9	Do Accum	44.3	48.3	12.00
75.0	45.5	Scottish Ins	73.3	81.3	4.02
77.7	45.5	Do Accum	77.4	85.4	4.02
		Legal & General Tyndall Fund, 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
44.8	23.6	Distribution (40)	43.4	45.0	5.25
51.0	26.2	Do Accum (40)	49.8	52.6	5.25
		Lloyds Bank Unit Trust Managers, 71 Lombard St, London, EC3. 01-623 1288			
41.4	18.9	1st Income	41.1	44.1	4.38
62.3	23.0	Do Accum	61.8	65.8	4.38
48.8	21.3	2nd Income	48.1	46.3	3.38
51.2	24.5	Do Accum	50.9	54.7	3.50
67.4	32.6	3rd Income	67.1	72.1	6.17
82.1	38.0	Do Accum	81.8	87.9	6.17
		M & G Securities, Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
134.9	78.7	M & G General	134.9	143.0	5.22
189.8	103.9	Do Accum	189.8	201.2	5.22
121.5	74.1	2nd Gen	121.2	128.5	5.00
167.9	95.5	Do Accum	167.9	178.0	5.00
103.0	82.2	Mid & Gen	103.0	109.2	7.06
150.0	72.3	Do Accum	150.0	159.0	7.06
86.8	38.8	Div Fnd	86.8	92.0	7.87
143.5	60.8	Do Accum	143.5	152.1	7.87
87.8	59.3	Special Tst	87.8	93.1	5.00
103.2	66.2	Do Accum	103.2	108.8	5.00
191.0	130.4	Magnum Fnd	176.5	185.4	4.19
219.4	145.2	Do Accum	205.2	215.5	4.19
32.0	21.4	FITS	32.0	35.1	3.28
38.5	29.7	Do Accum	38.6	40.8	3.25
73.0	46.9	Compound	73.0	79.5	3.49
138.6	77.6	Recovery	138.6	146.9	6.79
60.7	24.3	Extra Yield	60.7	64.6	9.01
69.8	28.5	Do Accum	69.8	74.0	9.01
110.0	70.4	Japan	110.0	117.2	1.13
49.1	36.4	Euro & Gen	49.1	52.3	3.81
35.8	20.2	American & Gen	35.8	37.9	2.21
50.1	34.5	Australasian	49.8	53.0	2.40
37.6	21.2	Far East Inc	37.6	40.0	3.37
38.6	21.5	Do Accum	38.6	41.1	3.37
108.2	63.3	Trustee Fnd	108.2	114.2	6.32
181.9	86.6	Do Accum	181.9	191.9	6.32
122.7	58.9	Charifund (2)	122.7	124.6	6.67
122.7	58.9	Do Accum (2)	122.7	124.6	6.67
98.1	50.6	Pension (1)	98.1	104.6	5.38
30.3	19.3	NAACIF	..	30.3	12.21
84.5	47.0	Do Accum	..	84.5	12.21
45.4	31.7	M&GConv	45.3	48.0	2.42
56.0	32.4	Clyde Gen	55.0	58.3	5.44
69.8	39.1	Do Accum	69.8	74.1	5.44
68.5	33.6	Clyde High Inc	66.5	70.5	9.21
94.5	43.7	Do Accum	94.5	100.2	9.21
		Midland Bank Group Unit Trust Manager Ltd, Courtwood Hse, Sheffield, S1 2RD. 0742 79842			
24.6	13.4	Capital	24.6	26.1	3.85
28.3	22.8	Do Accum	28.3	30.5	3.85
44.0	43.1	Commodity	44.0	47.2	7.08
48.2	49.0	Do Accum	45.1	48.2	7.08
34.2	18.4	Growth	34.2	36.2	5.46
34.7	30.5	Do Accum	34.7	36.8	2.45
37.6	22.4	Income	37.4	39.6	8.34
37.5	29.4	Do Accum	37.4	39.8	8.34
46.0	31.4	International	46.0	48.7	2.65
47.0	41.5	Do Accum	47.0	49.7	2.65
		National Provident Inv Managers Ltd, 48 Gracechurch Street, EC3. 01-623 4200			
43.0	20.7	NPI Accum (15)	43.0	45.8	2.96
38.2	19.1	Do Dist (15)	38.2	40.7	3.98
121.7	104.8	Do O'seas Acc	121.7	128.8	3.31
119.8	106.8	Do O'seas Dis	119.8	126.8	3.31
		National Westminster Unit Trust Managers, 41 Lothbury, London, EC2P 2BP. 01-606 6060			
58.9	31.5	Capital	56.9	60.7	3.72
31.2	14.5	Income	31.0	33.1	5.73
38.1	20.9	Financial	33.7	36.0	3.69
48.2	43.9	Growth	45.9	49.0	3.80
58.5	47.6	Extra Income	57.9	61.8	7.37
		New Court Fund Managers Ltd, 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
138.0	113.0	Equity	132.0	140.0	3.11
123.0	77.4	Income Fund	122.0	130.8	6.63
92.5	80.5	International	88.9	92.4	2.64
104.3	78.9	Smaller Co's	102.4	108.9	4.40
		Norwich Union Insurance Group, PO Box 4, Norwich, NR1 3NG. 0603 22200			
234.6	95.4	Grp Tst Fnd (3)	234.6	246.9	5.39
		Oceanic Unit Trust Managers Ltd, 15 Great St Thomas Apostle EC4. 01-236 9261			
38.8	24.9	Financial	30.6	32.5	3.11
18.3	12.8	General	18.2	19.3	5.13
33.8	20.8	Growth Accum	33.0	35.0	5.12
29.2	18.9	Do Income	28.5	30.5	5.12
22.8	14.6	High Income	22.6	24.0	9.64
20.3	11.0	Investment	18.3	19.4	3.32
26.8	20.0	Overseas	26.3	28.2	3.02
44.6	27.9	Performance	44.5	47.2	4.64
21.2	13.3	Oceanic Index	21.0	22.3	3.71
21.1	12.8	Recovery	19.9	21.3	4.56
		Pearl Trust Managers Ltd, 252 High Holborn, WC1V 7EB. 01-405 8441			
20.5	10.5	Growth	20.2	21.8	4.78
22.1	11.1	Do Accum	22.0	23.7	4.78
25.4	13.3	Income	25.3	27.2	6.34
29.8	15.7	Trust	29.7	32.0	4.41
35.5	18.1	Do Accum	35.4	38.1	4.41
		Pelican Unit Administration, 81 Fountain Street, Manchester. 061-236 5685			
59.6	30.2	Pelican	59.6	63.5	5.10
		Perpetual Unit Trust Management, 48 Hart St, Henley on Thames. 04912 6868			
101.0	46.5	Perpetual Grth	101.0	107.5	4.20
		Piccadilly Unit Trust Managers Ltd, 1 Love Lane, London, EC2. 01-606 8744			
28.5	18.4	Inc & Growth	28.6	30.6	4.10
30.0	20.6	Extra Inc	30.0	31.7	10.00
41.4	26.0	Portfolio Cap	37.3	41.0	4.87
55.7	32.2	Growth With Inc	49.1	54.0	7.03
37.9	16.4	Private Port	36.5	38.4	4.25
62.8	33.2	Stanley Port	62.0	67.4	3.71
		Practical Investment Co Ltd, Europa Hse, World Tr Centre, E1. 01-623 8893			
122.9	80.3	Practical Inc	120.4	128.0	3.30
168.0	76.6	Do Accum (3)	168.0	178.2	3.30
		Provincial Life Investment Co Ltd, 222 Bishopsgate, EC2. 01-247 6533			
65.3	39.4	Prolific	65.3	68.9	2.89
78.0	40.1	Do High Inc	78.0	83.6	7.50
		Prudential Unit Trust Managers, Holborn Bars, London, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 9222			
96.0	48.5	Prudential	96.0	104.0	4.23
		Reliance Unit Managers Ltd, Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells. 0892 22271			
44.6	23.6	Opp Accum (2)	44.4	47.0	4.91
		Save & Prosper Group, 4 Great St Helen's, EC3P 3EP. 01-554 8899; Dealings to 01-554 8899; Erskine Hse, 65-73 Queen St, Edinburgh EH2 4NX. 031-226 7351			
		Ebor Securities			
58.6	34.3	Universal Grwth	58.6	62.7	2.69
32.8	22.7	Capital Accum	32.6	34.8	4.18
45.2	22.0	General	45.0	48.2	4.72
62.5	42.9	Commodity	62.0	66.4	4.71
53.6	28.0	Energy	53.4	57.2	1.61
34.7	20.4	Financial	34.5	36.9	3.81
46.6	22.9	Prop & Build	46.1	49.4	3.63
92.3	44.1	Select Grwth	92.2	96.3	2.41
86.3	37.8	Select Inc (3)	86.3	90.2	6.53
181.8	95.8	Comm Pen (3)	174.2	186.4	6.25
		Save & Prosper Securities Ltd			
30.3	17.6	Capital	30.3	32.5	2.34
60.9	39.6	Financial Secs	59.6	63.8	2.55
22.5	11.2	Investment	22.5	24.1	3.58
80.6	55.5	Euro Growth	80.0	85.8	1.32
73.3	47.4	Japan Growth	73.3	78.5	0.24
72.6	49.8	US Growth	71.2	76.2	0.89
36.8	18.2	General	36.5	39.2	4.49
46.6	22.7	High Yield	46.4	49.6	8.31
37.6	19.2	Income	37.3	40.2	7.52
49.8	21.9	High Return	49.6	53.1	7.87
		Scotbits Securities Ltd			
36.1	22.1	Scotbits	36.1	38.7	3.81
44.1	22.2	Scotyields	43.9	47.9	8.17
44.1	24.6	Scotgrowth	44.0	47.0	4.45
42.0	23.3	Scotshares	41.9	44.9	4.69
220.0	134.5	Scotfunds	231.0	244.8	2.46
45.6	20.4	Scotincome	45.4	47.8	8.49
		Henry Schroder Wagg & Co Ltd, 120 Cheapside, London, EC2. 01-242 3282			
79.1	40.1	Capital (16)	79.1	81.9	2.95
90.4	44.5	Do Accum	90.4	93.8	2.95
129.9	55.2	Income (16)	129.9	134.6	6.90
170.4	69.3	Do Accum	170.4	176.5	6.90
56.3	24.9	General (3)	56.3	58.4	4.30
65.7	27.2	Do Accum	65.7	68.1	4.30
34.2	22.5	Europe (15)	33.6	35.7	2.87
37.2	28.0	Do Accum	35.3	37.5	2.87
		Scottish Equitable Fund Managers Ltd, 28 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh. 031-556 9101			
43.1	25.4	Equitable (2)	43.1	49.9	5.20
45.4	25.4	Do Accum	44.5	47.3	5.20
		Slater Walker Trust Management Ltd, 3 Ldn Wall Bldgs, EC2M 5QL. 01-638 9478/9			
58.6	29.2	Assets	58.3	62.7	5.48
66.5	44.2	Bank Ins & Fin	58.7	63.2	3.56
26.9	15.7	Brit High Inc	23.4	25.1	11.74
39.6	23.3	Capital Accum	39.5	42.5	3.72
32.0	21.3	Capital Grwth	29.8	31.0	4.63
40.8	23.8	Century	40.7	43.8	4.20
39.0	25.4	City of London	35.7	38.3	3.48
36.4	26.8	Comm Cons	36.2	39.0	3.71
63.1	40.1	Commodity	54.3	58.4	6.10
43.4	26.7	Consolidated	41.0	44.1	4.08
31.9	19.5	Domestic	31.6	34.0	5.34
76.7	63.4	Exempt	76.3	80.1	8.39
28.8	18.2	Extra Income	28.8	30.9	9.82
21.3	18.8	Far East Fnd	20.1	21.6	3.13
28.7	29.9	Financial	33.9	35.5	3.27
48.4	34.9	Gas Ind Power	47.7	51.3	3.08
29.1	18.8	General Fund	27.1	29.1	5.08
29.4	23.0	Global Growth	27.3	29.1	2.62
100.2	87.2	Gold & General	91.6	98.4	6.31
62.5	36.1	Growth	62.1	66.8	4.31
59.2	34.7	High Income	58.8	63.3	7.01
45.5	28.0	Hundred Secs	45.4	48.9	4.92
48.0	27.8	Income Units	44.7	48.0	8.10
23.3	18.8	Int Consumer	23.0	24.7	3.42
39.0	21.7	Inv Tst Shares	37.4	40.3	4.34
25.7	15.3	Invest Tst Units	24.0	25.8	3.69
29.0	18.5	Investors Gen	28.4	31.7	6.53
51.9	32.6	Do 2nd Gen	49.8	53.6	4.63
108.1	52.7	Minerals Tst	49.4	53.2	5.06
65.3	41.4	Nat High Inc	63.2	68.0	7.72
81.2	48.5	Natural Res	81.5	53.4	5.27
27.9	20.2	New Issue	26.1	28.0	5.77
38.0	24.4	North American	27.1	29.2	3.01
40.3	29.4	Plant & Gen	38.1	40.9	5.49
434.5	259.1	Professional	395.7	408.0	3.61
14.0	9.2	Property Shares	11.2	12.0	3.09
105.2	74.8	Provident Inv	104.4	109.9	4.48
51.4	29.1	Scot Trust	51.3	55.0	4.81
60.3	36.6	Security First	52.5	56.3	5.00
50.5	38.3	Shamrock	44.7	48.1	3.01
42.5	30.1	Shield	42.1	45.3	5.03
21.3	12.5	Status Change	19.8	21.3	6.04
148.0	92.3	Unit 'D'	147.5	158.7	3.80
97.9	54.9	Universal 2nd	93.0	100.0	4.80
		Stewart Unit Trust Managers Ltd, 45 Charlotte St, Edinburgh. 031-226 3271			
31.0	27.7	American Fnd	43.8	47.3	2.70
102.6	52.7	Brit Cap Fnd	102.6	109.5	5.50
		Sun Alliance Management Ltd, Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex. 0403 64141			
132.5	100.0	Exempt Eq Tst	129.5	133.7	4.67
		72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
71.8	47.5	Family Fund	70.0	73.1	2.02
		Target Trust Managers Ltd, Target Hse, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
26.0	15.1	Commodity	25.6	27.4	5.47
54.2	31.4	Financial	54.2	58.1	3.58
34.3	18.8	Equity	33.7	36.0	5.70
153.7	81.1	Exempt	153.7	159.1	5.78
188.2	94.4	Do Accum (3)	186.2	193.0	5.78
25.2	13.5	Growth	25.1	26.8	3.96
28.1	18.8	International	28.1	30.0	2.77
29.0	19.4	Do Re-invest	29.0	31.0	2.77
25.5	12.3	Investment	25.5	27.4	2.37
126.1	72.2	Professional (3)	126.1	132.0	5.02
21.2	11.0	Income	21.2	22.9	9.73
12.7	9.8	Preference	12.7	13.7	13.84
		Target Trust Managers (Scotland) Ltd, 19 Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh, 3. 031-229 8621			
25.0	14.6	Eagle	24.7	26.4	3.12
33.0	16.8	Thistle	32.7	35.0	6.00
46.1	27.9	Claymore Fnd	46.1	49.0	5.68
		TSB Unit Trust Managers Ltd, 21 Chantry Way, Andover, Hants. Andover 62188			
34.2	13.6	General	34.0	36.4	3.12
40.6	17.8	Do Accum	40.3	43.2	3.77
63.6	45.9	Scottish	63.0	68.4	2.98
63.9	45.9	Do Accum	63.9	67.3	2.98
		Transatlantic & General Securities, 99 New London Rd, Chelmsford. 0245 51651			
64.5	32.9	Barbican (4)	64.9	68.5	4.85
88.5	41.8	Do Accum	88.5	94.0	4.85
165.1	116.2	Barrington Fnd	165.1	172.9	4.80
167.2	116.2	Do Accum	167.2	175.1	4.80
127.3	109.5	High Yield	127.3	133.3	9.07
127.3	109.5	Do Accum	127.3	133.3	9.07
74.6	44.7	Buckingham (4)	74.6	78.3	4.78
85.0	32.9	Do Accum	85.0	89.1	4.78
110.5	48.4	Colemco	110.5	116.4	4.13
121.5	62.4	Do Accum	121.5	127.9	4.13
152.0	87.4	Endeavour	152.0	159.2	3.16
42.3	29.3	Glen Fund (2)	42.5	46.0	3.16
48.8	32.2	Do Accum	49.8	54.0	4.71
88.1	58.5	G'chester (5)	88.1	92.3	3.03
83.0	63.3	Ldn & Brus'ls	78.1	83.6	8.73
82.8	33.9	Marlborough	82.8	86.3	3.86
56.7	30.4	Do Accum	56.7	59.4	3.84
61.9	37.4	Merlin (2)	61.9	65.5	3.58
69.7	40.3	Do Accum	69.7	73.4	3.58
42.2	23.3	Merlin Yield	42.2	45.8	8.11
50.5	26.4	Do Accum	50.5	53.2	8.11
45.2	20.0	Vang Growth (2)	38.7	40.8	3.74
43.3	23.5	Do Accum	44.9	47.3	3.74
58.2	49.8	Vang High Yield	58.2	61.3	8.36
80.5	31.0	Wickmoor	80.5	53.9	5.20
35.0	32.4	Do Accum	33.0	36.6	5.20
		Trident Funds (Schlesinger Trust Managers Ltd), 140 South St, Dorking. 0306 86441			
17.9	10.7	UK Growth Fnd	16.9	18.4	4.63
35.0	21.9	Income Fund	35.0	37.2	9.71
28.9	13.4	10% Withdrwl	28.4	30.2	..
49.0	33.7	Int Growth	49.0	52.1	3.62
29.4	21.5	Amer Growth	29.0	30.9	..
26.7	23.0	"Nil Yield Fnd"	26.7	28.4	..
		Tyndall Managers Ltd, 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
84.4	43.2	Income (3)	84.4	88.8	6.41
137.4	65.8	Do Accum (3)	137.4	144.4	6.41
94.8	52.3	Capital (3)	94.8	99.6	4.07
122.0	66.4	Do Accum (3)	122.0	129.2	4.07
69.8	34.8	Canynge Fnd (3)	71.4	73.0	4.65
83.8	38.4	Do Accum (3)	81.5	86.0	4.65
81.6	43.0	Exempt (40)	80.8	83.0	4.62
101.0	51.8	Do Accum (40)	100.2	105.4	4.62
195.8	100.2	Int Earn Fnd (8)	185.8	205.6	4.76
201.6	100.2	Do Accum (8)	201.6	211.8	4.76
		Tyndall National & Commercial, 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
121.0	68.4	Income	121.0	126.6	5.55
150.8	80.0	Do Accum	150.8	157.8	5.55
100.4	52.2	Capital	100.4	105.0	3.77
115.8	58.8	Do Accum	115.8	120.4	3.77
		Unit Trust Account & Management, 5-8 Mincing Lane, EC3M. 01-623 4951			
109.0	62.0	Friars Hse Fnd	108.0	115.0	6.32
28.1	11.8	Gt Winchester	28.1	30.2	6.40
23.1	8.7	Do Overseas	17.3	18.6	5.66

Insurance Bonds and Funds

1975/76 High	Low	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abbey Life Assurance Co Ltd, 1-3 St. Pauls Churchyard, EC4P 4DX. 01-248 9111			
29.4	15.6	Equity Fund (3)	28.0	29.5	..
23.4	12.2	Do Accum (3)	23.0	24.3	..
115.6	94.4	Prop Fund (27)	115.6	121.7	..
113.0	89.2	Do Accum (27)	113.0	119.0	..
65.8	41.0	Select Fund (3)	65.7	69.2	..
110.4	104.0	Conv Fund	110.4	116.3	..
104.6	101.4	Money Fund	104.6	110.1	..
121.8	94.2	Pension Prop (27)	121.8	128.3	..
59.9	37.3	Do Select (3)	59.9	63.1	..
106.5	101.9	Do Security	106.7	112.4	..
122.0	102.0	Do Managed	122.0	128.5	..
24.2	26.0	Equity Series 4	24.2	25.5	..
95.6	100.0	Prop Series 4	95.6	100.8	..
95.8	100.0	Conv Series 4	95.8	100.8	..
95.1	100.0	Money Series 4	95.1	100.2	..
95.8	100.0	Man Series 4	95.8	100.9	..
		Albany Life Assurance Co Ltd, 31 Old Burlington Street, W1. 01-437 5962			
97.0	100.0	Guar Mon Fnd	97.0	102.1	..
99.6	100.0	Do Accum	99.6	104.9	..
127.4	100.0	Equity Fnd	127.0	133.7	..
130.9	100.0	Do Accum	130.9	137.8	..
107.5	96.6	Property Fnd	95.7	100.8	..
98.3	100.0	Do Accum	98.3	103.5	..
100.7	100.0	Fixed Int Fnd	100.7	106.0	..
103.3	100.0	Do Accum	103.3	108.7	..
118.4	100.0	Mult Inv Fnd	118.4	124.7	..
121.4	100.0	Do Accum	121.4	127.8	..
99.8	100.0	Guar Mon Pen	99.8	105.0	..
102.7	100.0	Do Accum	102.7	108.1	..
98.9	100.0	Property Pen	98.8	104.0	..
101.7	100.0	Do Accum	101.7	107.1	..
106.0	100.0	Fixed Int Pen	106.0	111.6	..
109.1	100.0	Do Accum	109.1	114.9	..
125.2	100.0	Mult Inv Pen	125.2	131.8	..
128.7	100.0	Do Accum	128.7	135.5	..
		AMEV Life Assurance Ltd, Alma Hse, Alma Rd, Reigate. Reigate 40101			
112.4	105.1	Triad Man Bond	108.4	121.0	..
99.9	100.0	Do 'B'	99.9	105.4	..
		Barclays Life Assurance Co, Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, E7. 01-555 1211			
91.9	66.5	Barclaybonds	91.9	96.9	..
		Beehive Life Assurance, 71 Lombard St, London, EC3 P3BS. 01-623 1288			
102.6	100.0	Black Horse Bnd	..	102.6	..
		Canada Life Assurance, 2-6 High St, Potters Bar, Herts. P Bar 51122			
46.6	24.9	Equity Grwth	..	46.6	..
104.3	53.5	Retirement	..	99.8	..
		Cannon Assurance Ltd, 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876			
12.92	7.36	Equity Units £	..	12.92	..
121.0	67.0	Do Accum	..	121.0	..
81.0	48.0	Do Annuity	..	81.0	..
969.0	719.0	Prop Units	..	969.0	..
882.0	798.0	Do Accum	..	882.0	..
10.21	7.94	Exec Bal £	..	10.21	..
8.75	5.10	Exec Equity £	..	8.75	..
10.19	9.51	Exec Prop £	..	10.19	..
10.21	8.40	Bal Bond £	10.21	10.89	..
8.75	5.40	Equity Bond £	8.75	9.26	..
10.19	7.76	Prop Bond £	10.19	10.78	..
10.21	7.94	Bal Units £	..	10.21	..
97.6	100.0	Deposit Bnd	97.6	103.3	..
		City of Westminster Assurance Society, 6 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon, CR0 2JA. 01-684 9664. Valuation last working day of month.			
77.9	64.8	1st Units	77.9	81.7	..
45.0	45.8	Prop Units	48.0	50.4	..
		City of Westminster Assurance Co, 6 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon, CR0 2JA. 01-684 9664. Valuation last working day of month.			
44.9	41.5	W'minster Units	44.9	47.1	..
56.4	57.2	Land Bank	..	56.2	..
34.2	33.1	Speculator	..	34.2	..
136.2	134.5	Prop Annuity	135.3	139.0	..
106.8	105.1	Inv Option Bnd	106.8	112.4	..
38.4	33.1	Equity Fnd	36.6	38.5	..
		2nd Managed Fund			
127.2	110.6	Performance	..	127.2	..
125.3	118.8	Balanced	125.3	131.8	..
100.0	100.0	Guarantee	..	100.0	..
		Commercial Union Group, St. Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 01-283 7500			
37.4	18.6	Variable An Acc	..	37.4	..
18.6	10.2	Do Annuity	..	13.3	..
		Cornhill Insurance, 32 Cornhill, London, EC3. 01-626 5410. Valuation 15th of month.			
105.5	63.5	Capital Fnd	..	97.0	..
40.0	25.0	GS Special	..	38.5	..
127.5	85.0	Man Grwth (23)	124.5	131.5	..
		Crown Life Fund Insurance Co, Addiscombe Rd, Croydon. 01-686 4300			
120.0	91.2	Crown Brit Inv	..	120.0	..
		Crusader Insurance, Bowring Bldgs, Tower Place, EC3. 01-626 8031. Valuation 1st Tuesday of month.			
56.5	50.8	Crusader Prop	56.5	62.9	..
		Eagle Star Insurance/Midland Assurance, PO Box 173, NLA Tower, Croydon. 01-681 1031			
40.8	24.2	Eagle Units	40.8	42.3	6.26
40.8	24.2	Midland Units	40.8	42.3	6.20
		Grosvenor Life Assurance Co Ltd, 65 Grosvenor St, London, W1. 01-493 1484			
26.1	27.2	Managed Fnd	25.8	27.2	..
		Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance Group, Royal Exchange, London, EC3. 01-283 7107			
133.6	131.9	Property Bond	133.6	139.2	..
107.9	59.9	Pen Man Bonds	106.7	112.3	..
		Hambro Life Assurance, 7 Old Park Lane, London, W1. 01-499 0031			
112.4	101.6	Fixed Int Fnd	110.0	115.9	..
129.1	75.2	Equity	129.1	135.9	..
122.6	106.3	Property	122.6	129.1	..
111.7	73.1	Managed Cap	111.7	117.6	..
127.0	90.9	Do Accum	127.0	133.7	..
143.6	136.0	Pen Prop Cap	143.6	151.2	..
169.7	155.6	Do Accum	169.7	178.7	..
149.2	125.3	Pen Man Cap	149.3	157.1	..
176.2	140.1	Do Accum	176.2	185.5	..
113.5	109.3	Pen FI Cap	111.5	117.4	..
119.3	108.5	Do Accum	119.2	125.6	..
		Hearts of Oak Benefit Society, Euston Rd, London, NW1. 01-387 5020			
30.7	29.6	Property Bond	30.7	32.5	..
		Hill Samuel Life Assurance Ltd, NLA Twr, Addiscombe Rd, Croydon. 01-686 4355			
124.8	121.8	HS Prop Units	124.8	131.1	..
131.9	77.3	Fortune Man (5)	131.9	138.9	..
105.5	104.4	Money Fnd	105.5	111.1	..
		Hodge Life Assurance Co Ltd, 114/116 St Mary St, Cardiff. 42577			
51.0	27.2	Hodge Bonds	50.7	53.4	..
57.9	40.4	Takeover	57.7	60.7	..
23.7	26.0	Hodge Life Eq	23.7	25.0	..
23.7	25.0	Mortgage Fnd	23.7	25.0	..
23.7	25.0	Conv High Yld	23.7	25.0	..
23.7	25.0	Overseas Fnd	23.7	25.0	..
		Imperial Life Assurance Co of Canada, Imperial Life Hse, London Rd, Guildford. 71255			
50.1	39.8	Growth Fnd (5)	50.1	54.5	..
44.6	30.6	Pension Fnd	44.6	48.5	..
		Individual Life Insurance Ltd, 45 South St, Eastbourne, BN21 4UT. 0323 36711			
104.0	72.3	Equities	104.0	109.5	..
121.5	113.3	Fixed Int	121.5	127.8	..
117.5	100.0	Managed	117.5	123.7	..
108.4	107.0	Property	108.4	114.2	..
103.0	102.4	Money Fund	103.0	108.5	..
118.5	99.7	Kent & Shannon	112.0	118.0	..
100.3	93.1	Do Gov Sec Bd	98.5	104.2	..
104.6	78.3	Commodity	79.1	83.3	..
		Irish Life Assurance, 11 Finsbury Sq, London, EC2. 01-628 8253			
142.5	136.9	Prop Modules	131.9	136.8	5.70
137.1	137.9	Do Growth (31)	134.0	141.0	5.70
142.2	109.1	Managed Fnd	141.1	149.2	..
58.7	32.3	Blue Chip Fnd	58.7	61.8	4.20
		Langham Life Assurance, Migdal Hse, Finsbury Sq, EC2. 01-628 8581			
110.1	105.8	Property Bond	110.1	115.9	..
22.6	22.3	Spec Prop Fnd	22.6	23.8	..
48.8	35.8	Midas Bond (30)	35.8	37.7	..
48.8	35.8	Capital Accum	..	35.8	..
58.1	53.2	WISP (Spec Man)	59.1	62.2	..
		Life & Equity Assurance Co Ltd, 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB. 01-902 5876			
30.0	29.5	Secure Fnd	30.0	32.0	..
27.6	18.0	Select Inv	27.0	28.5	..
21.5	18.0	Do 2nd	21.5	23.0	..
25.0	20.5	Gilt Fnd	25.0	26.5	..
20.5	15.5	Equity Fnd	20.5	22.0	..
103.0	101.5	Deposit Fnd	103.0	109.0	..
		Lloyds Life Assurance Ltd, 12 Leadenhall St, EC3M 7LS. 01-623 6621			
140.0	100.0	Mult Grwth Fnd	..	100.0	..
96.6	69.3	Opt 5 Equity	95.7	100.8	..
107.7	100.0	Do Property	107.7	112.4	..
118.1	84.7	Do High Yield	118.1	124.4	..
112.1	99.9	Do Managed	112.1	118.1	..
105.3	100.0	Do Deposit	105.3	110.9	..
113.3	100.0	Pen Dep Fnd	113.3	119.3	..
183.7	141.8	Do Equity Fnd	178.6	188.1	..
122.0	100.0	Do FI Fnd	122.0	128.5	..
132.3	100.0	Do Man Fnd	131.6	138.6	..
109.6	100.0	Do Prop Fnd	109.6	115.4	..
		Manufacturers Life Insurance, Manulife Hse, Stevenage, Herts. 0438 56101			
32.6	17.8	Manulife (5)	32.6	34.2	..
		Merchant Investors Assurance, 125 High Street, Croydon. 01-686 9171			
113.5	105.8	ConvDepBnd	..	113.5	..
122.7	101.9	Do Pension	..	117.9	..
57.9	35.0	Equity Bond	..	48.3	..
142.3	93.1	Do Pension	..	131.3	..
91.8	79.3	Managed Bond	..	84.9	..
100.2	89.2	Do Pension	..	100.0	..
118.7	101.4	Money Market	..	118.3	..
132.5	101.8	Do Pension	..	132.5	..
111.6	97.8	Property Bond	..	111.6	..
110.5	94.1	Do Pension	..	110.5	..
		M & G Assurance, Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
97.9	60.7	Equity Bond (4)	95.2	100.1	..
68.3	42.3	Do Bonus	62.9	66.1	..
76.4	51.3	Int'l Bnd (4)	76.4	80.3	..
119.4	93.3	Fam Bnd 1976	..	119.4	..
98.0	71.6	Do 1977/80	..	98.0	..
125.1	72.7	Do 1981/86	..	125.1	..
106.0	67.5	Managed Bonds	106.0	111.4	..
44.9	29.4	Mirror Bonds	..	44.9	..
132.8	84.7	Pers Pen (5)	132.8	136.8	..
113.6	109.4	Prop Fnd (4)	113.6	119.4	..
		Norwich Union Insurance Group, PO Box 4, Norwich, NR1 3NG. 0603 22200			
141.1	99.9	Norwich Manad	141.1	148.5	..
217.4	99.5	Do Equity (3)	217.4	228.6	..
100.3	100.0	Do Prop (3)	99.9	105.2	..
106.0	99.0	Do Fix Int (3)	104.2	109.7	..
128.7	34.3	Do Units (3)	..	128.7	..
		Pearl Assurance (Unit Funds) Ltd, 252 High Holborn, WC1V 7EB. 01-405 8441			
101.0	100.7	Prop Acc Units	101.0	106.3	..
101.0	100.7	Prop Dist Units	101.0	106.3	..
		Phoenix Assurance, 4-5 King William St, EC4. 01-626 9876			
89.3	58.9	Wealth Assured	89.3	94.1	..
57.1	35.5	Ebor Phx Ass (31)	..	57.1	..
57.0	39.0	Ebor Phx Eq (32)	56.1	59.0	..
		Property Equity & Life Ass Co, 119 Crawford St, London, W1. 01-486 0657			
148.6	142.7	R Silk Prop Bnd	..	148.6	..
105.8	69.6	Do Bal Ag Bnd	..	69.8	..
99.6	95.6	Do Series (2)	..	99.6	..
74.6	58.1	Do Managed	..	69.4	..
95.7	65.2	Do Equity Bnd	..	69.8	..
116.5	102.4	Do Flex Mny	..	116.5	..
		Property Growth Assurance, 111 Westminster Bridge Rd, SE1 7JF. 01-928 0381			
152.0	141.5	Prop Grwth (29)	..	152.0	..
554.0	460.0	AG Bond (29)	..	487.0	..
132.0	126.0	Abb Nat PG (29)	..	132.0	..
55.8	48.6	Shenley Inv (29)	..	55.8	..
141.8	104.4	Equity Fnd	..	141.1	..
121.0	106.9	Money Fnd	..	116.3	..
136.0	115.0	Ret Annuity (29)	..	136.0	..
114.5	103.5	Immed Ann (33)	..	114.5	..
		Atlantic Assurance			
110.3	90.0	All-Weather Ac	102.4	107.8	..
106.0	88.5	Do Capital	100.1	105.3	..
118.1	98.5	Investment Fnd	..	114.6	..
103.4	88.0	Pension Fnd	..	102.4	..
109.6	102.4	Conv Pen Fnd	..	109.6	..
109.6	102.4	Do Pen Cap	..	109.6	..
109.9	102.4	Man Pen Fnd	..	109.9	..
109.9	102.4	Do Pen Cap	..	109.9	..
109.9	102.4	Prop Pen Fnd	..	109.9	..
109.9	102.4	Do Pen Cap	..	109.9	..
101.9	100.0	Bldg Soc Pen	..	101.9	..
101.3	100.0	Do Capital	..	101.3	..
		Prudential Pensions Ltd, Holborn Bars, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 9222			
16.65	8.37	Equity £	16.01	16.50	..
12.33	10.02	Fixed Int £	12.00	12.18	..
18.20	16.48	Property £	18.20	18.76	..
		Reliance Mutual Insurance Society Ltd, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 0892 22271			
154.5	137.1	Rel Prop Bnd	..	154.5	..
		Save & Prosper Group, 4 Great St Helen's, EC3P 3EP. 01-554 8899			
103.0	79.3	Balanced Bond	103.0	109.0	..
97.5	65.6	Equity Bnd	97.5	103.5	..
23.3	14.3	Mini Bond (4)	23.3	24.6	..
116.0	100.3	Prop Fnd (30)	116.0	122.5	..
		Schroder Life Group, Enterprise Hse, Portsmouth. 0705 27733			
100.1	100.0	Deposit Bnd (3)	100.1	105.5	..
106.7	102.2	Fixed Interest	106.7	112.4	..
102.2	63.6	Flexible Fnd	102.2	107.7	..
159.7	87.1	Equity Fnd	..	153.1	..
160.3	91.1	Do 2nd Ser	160.3	169.3	..
101.1	100.0	Exec Pen Cap	..	101.1	..
101.6	100.0	Do Accum	..	101.6	..
147.2	115.8	PenFndCap	147.2	154.9	..
160.8	120.2	Do Accum	160.8	169.5	..
110.3	100.0	Prop Fnd (3)	110.3	116.2	..
		Scottish Widows Fund & Life Assurance, 9 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031-225 1201			
308.3	169.0	Inv Policy	308.3	317.8	..
		Slater Walker Insurance Co Ltd, 30 Uxbridge Rd, W12. 01-749 9111			
81.8	50.0	Sel Market Fnd	81.0	85.8	..
52.2	47.5	Do Capital	50.5	53.8	..
		Standard Life Assurance Co, PO Box 62, 3 George St, Edinburgh. 031-225 7971			
91.9	41.8	Unit Endowm't	..	90.9	..
		Sun Life of Canada (UK) Ltd, 2-4 Cockspur St, SW1. 01-930 5400			
147.0	73.1	Maple Leaf (3)	..	147.0	..
136.1	102.8	Personal Pens	..	136.1	..
		Target Life Assurance, Target Hse, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
100.4	100.0	Deposit Inc	97.9	103.1	..
107.4	90.3	Fixed Interest	99.3	103.3	..
99.6	84.9	Man Fnd Acc	99.6	105.6	..
90.2	80.6	Do Income	90.0	95.2	..
92.0	86.0	Prop Bnd Inv	..	92.0	..
93.3	93.2	Do Income	93.3	99.0	..
107.0	99.0	Do Accum	..	107.0	..
53.1	30.7	Ret Ann Pen Cap	53.1	57.1	..
58.9	32.9	Do Accum	58.9	63.4	..
95.0	100.0	Ret Plan Acc	95.0	100.0	..
95.0	100.0	Do Do Cap	95.0	100.0	..
		Trident Life, Renslade Hse, Gloucester. 0452 36541			
108.6	81.0	Trident Man	108.6	114.4	..
124.6	98.7	Do Guar Man	124.6	131.2	..
110.8	109.9	Do Property	110.8	116.7	..
84.1	58.3	Do Equity	83.1	87.5	..
115.8	89.8	Do High Yield	115.8	121.9	..
105.8	104.8	Do Money	105.8	111.5	..
107.5	102.9	Do Fiscal Fnd	107.5	114.0	..
91.2	28.5	Do Bonds	36.5	39.5	..
92.30	82.50	Gilt Edged (f)	..	92.20	..
101.7	99.1	Int Money Fnd	101.7	107.1	..
		Tyndall Assurance, 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
84.8	73.4	Prop Fnd (40)	..	82.4	..
98.0	75.4	3 Way Fnd (40)	..	97.0	..
		Vanbrugh Life Assurance Ltd, 41-43 Maddox St, London, W1R 9LA. 01-499 4923			
162.4	75.9	Equity Fnd	161.5	170.1	..
122.8	101.2	Fixed Int Fnd	122.6	129.3	..
108.6	105.2	Property Fnd	108.6	114.4	..
103.4	100.0	Cash Fund	103.4	108.9	..
110.6	72.9	Managed Fnd	110.2	116.1	..
		Welfare Insurance, The Leas, Folkestone, Kent. 0303 57333			
155.6	105.6	Capital Grwth	..	155.6	..
81.5	71.7	Flexible Fnd	..	77.9	..
103.2	82.6	Inv Fnd	..	103.2	..
67.9	46.9	Prop Fnd	..	66.9	..
79.6	71.4	Money Maker	..	74.6	..

Offshore and International Funds

1975/76 High	Low	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abacus Arbuthnot (C.I.) Ltd, 1 Broad St, St Helier, Jersey, C.I. 0534 25561			
99.0	55.7	Capital Trust	99.0	102.0	1.90
95.5	68.0	Eastern Int	..	95.0	102.0
		Barbican Managers (Jersey) Ltd, PO Box 63, St Helier, Jersey, C.I. 0534 37606			
110.7	104.6	Europ'n Ster Tst	110.7	117.2	4.11
		Barclays Unicorn International (Ch Is) Ltd, Church St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 37806			
46.6	36.0	Jer Guer O'seas	44.9	47.3	12.20
10.3	9.9	Unidollar Tst $	10.2	10.8	5.00
		Barclays Unicorn International (I.O.M.) Ltd, 30 Victoria St, Douglas, I.O.M. 0624 4856			
55.5	39.2	Unicorn Aus Ext	49.5	52.7	3.60
27.1	17.6	Do Aus Min	23.7	25.2	2.30
46.6	34.8	Do Int Income	39.1	41.9	10.00
50.4	40.0	Do Isle of Man	45.6	48.3	9.50
23.9	18.7	Do Manx Mut	23.7	25.1	1.90
126.0	94.7	Do Great Pac	126.0	135.6	..
		Brandts & Grindley (Jersey) Ltd, PO Box 80, Broad St, St Helier.			
116.0	79.0	Brandt Jersey	112.0	121.0	5.88
141.0	89.0	Do Accum	137.0	148.0	4.79
		Brandts Ltd, 36 Fenchurch St, London, EC3. 01-626 6599			
69.25	53.33	O'seas Fnd $	..	62.90	..
		Calvin Bullock Ltd, 60 Bishopsgate, London, EC2. 01-283 5452			
879.0	612.0	Bullock Fnd	879.0	995.0	1.82
633.0	561.0	Canadian Fnd	609.0	693.0	1.83
308.0	263.0	Canadian Inv	306.0	332.0	2.08
222.0	158.0	Div Shares	222.0	252.0	1.91
769.0	519.0	Ny Venture Fnd	769.0	872.0	1.37
		Charterhouse Japhet, 1 Paternoster Row, EC4. 01-248 3999			
32.50	25.60	Adiropa DM	31.90	33.60	6.85
54.50	45.00	Adiverba DM	51.10	53.80	6.51
35.80	27.90	Fondak DM	32.80	34.50	6.38
25.10	20.20	Fondis DM	24.60	25.90	6.96
66.31	60.53	Hispano $	58.36	61.53	1.97
		Cornhill Insurance (Guernsey) Ltd, PO Box 157, St Julians Ct, St Peters, Guernsey			
151.0	103.0	Int Cap Man (20)	138.0	150.0	..
		Ebor Management (Jersey), 37 Broad St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 20591			
202.3	111.5	Channel Cap	201.5	211.8	1.84
108.1	64.6	Channel Isles	107.5	113.3	3.21
		Eurosyndicat Group. Agents: N. M. Rothschild and Sons, New Ct, St Swithin's Lane, EC4. 01-626 4356			
1.788	1.390	Eurunion Lux fr	1.740	1.810	4.70
341.0	283.0	Fin Union Lux fr	316.0	331.0	4.67
		First General Unit Managers, 91 Pembroke Rd, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. 680066			
50.3	34.2	Bnk I Int Gen (3)	49.7	52.6	4.47
118.4	100.3	Do Gilt (2)	112.0	115.7	9.94
		Hambros (Guernsey) Ltd, PO Box 86, St Peter Port, Guernsey. 0481 26521			
115.9	62.9	Channel Isle	112.8	120.2	4.80
		Individual Life Insurance Ltd, 45 South St, Eastbourne BN21 4UT. 0323 36711			
111.1	100.0	Foreign Fix Int	100.5	107.0	..
105.7	100.0	Do Equity	104.2	110.9	..
		Karandsy Bermuda Management Ltd, Atlas Hse, PO Box 1029, Hamilton 5, Bermuda			
1.42	1.18	Bishopsgate N.A.	1.26	1.32	..
		Lamont Investment Management Ltd, 6 St Georges St, Douglas, I.O.M. Douglas 4682			
23.8	17.4	Int Income (3)	21.1	22.5	8.00
60.3	27.9	Do Growth (10)	59.0	62.7	2.36
		M & G Group, Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
96.4	65.8	Island Fnd †	92.8	95.7	3.34
120.7	70.1	Do Accum †	120.7	124.5	3.34
1.84	1.37	Atlantic Exp $	1.77	1.91	..
1.86	1.21	Aust & Gen $	1.68	1.73	..
		Old Court Fund Managers Ltd, PO Box 58, St Julians Ct, Guernsey. 0481 26331			
45.2	35.5	Old Ct Eq (34)	40.2	42.5	..
103.9	86.2	Old Ct Int (35)	97.3	103.5	..
105.2	84.3	Smaller Co's	105.2	111.9	6.33
		Oliver Heath & Co, 31 Malew St, Castletown, I.O.M. 062 823748			
100.3	82.2	Brit Conc Tst	99.2	104.5	14.30
104.7	75.0	Cap Sterl'd Res	69.3	75.9	5.50
118.6	100.0	Conv Rights Tst	104.2	109.7	6.00
		4 Irish Place, Gibraltar. Telex GK 245			
129.5	113.1	Gib Inv Tst	97.4	113.1	5.60
107.3	52.1	Key City Inv	54.6	58.4	..
78.1	24.9	Warrant Fnd	66.5	70.0	..
		Slater Walker Insurance Co (C.I.) Ltd, 2 Grange Pl, St Peter Port, Guernsey. 0481-26726			
69.6	52.3	Worldwide	..	67.7	2.00
		Slater Walker (Jersey), 2-6 Church St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 37361			
258.8	136.1	Growth Int	255.8	279.8	3.00
67.3	43.0	Int'l Fnd	60.5	65.5	3.00
143.3	106.2	Jersey Energy	126.4	139.6	1.00
		Target Trust Managers (Cayman) Ltd, PO Box 710, Grand Cayman, Cayman Is.			
0.68	0.44	Offshore $	0.57	0.60	..
		Tyndall Group, PO Box 1256, Hamilton, Bermuda.			
1.18	0.95	O'seas Dist (2) $	1.12	1.18	6.00
1.55	1.18	Do Accum (3) $	1.51	1.60	6.00
2.78	1.95	3 Way Int (50) $	..	2.22	..
		Tyndall Group, 43 La Motte St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 37331			
100.0	76.0	Int Man Fnd (40)	93.0	97.5	..
7.45	5.65	O'seas Ster (3) £	7.15	7.50	6.00
9.75	7.00	Do Accum (3) £	9.75	10.30	6.00

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Dealing or valuation days—(1) Monday, (2) Tuesday, (3) Wednesday, (4) Thursday, (5) Friday, (8) Jan 28, (9) Jan 27, (10) Jan 30, (14) Feb 2, (15) Jan 28, (16) Jan 29, (19) Feb 3, (20) 25th of month, (21) 2nd Thursday of month, (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month, (23) 20th of month, (24) 1st Tuesday of month, (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month, (26) 4th Thursday of month, (27) 1st Wednesday of month, (28) Last Thursday of month, (29) 3rd working day of month, (30) 16th of month, (31) 1st working day of month, (32) 20th of month, (33) 1st day of Feb, May, Aug, Nov, (34) Last working day of month, (35) 15th of month, (36) 14th of month, (37) 21st of each month, (38) 3rd Wednesday of month, (39) 2nd Wednesday of month, (40) Valued monthly.

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298	Consolidated Profit of the Group before taxation	325,863
315	Taxation	167,350
383		158,513
	Dividends	
22461	(1.206p) Interim Paid 1.316p per share 24509	
32014	(1.719p) Proposed Final 1.805p per share 33616	
475		58,125
508		100,388
777	Unappropriated balance brought forward from previous year	398,285
285	Leaving to be carried forward an unappropriated balance of	498,673

Extract from Statement by Chairman, Mr. F. Brentnall Beard.

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25	Armitage & Rhodes	33	—	3.0	9.1	8.7
94	Deborah Services	98	—	7.5	7.7	5.2
25	Henry Sykes	143	+1	4.9	3.5	9.5
18	Twinlock Ord	24	—	0.9	3.9	5.9
45	Twinlock 12% ULS	62	+1	12.0	19.4	—
18	Unilock Holdings	61	—	4.5	7.4	11.8

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THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 13.01.76 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1964)—

	Index No.	Div Yield	Earnings Yield %	Index Yr/Yr
	Latest			Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	167.28	5.82	10.49	164.87
Largest Cos.	167.11	5.84	10.51	164.56
Smaller Cos.	170.11	5.63	10.29	168.46
Capital Goods	177.15	5.03	10.21	168.93
Consumer Goods	194.73	5.53	10.29	189.40
Share Shares	145.77	5.91	—	140.95
Largest financial shares	209.56	5.11	—	199.77
Largest financial and industrial shares	173.42	5.54	—	170.91
Commodity shares	212.06	4.15	20.02	241.70
Gold Mining shares	426.84	7.46	11.25	436.12
Industrial debenture stocks	60.57	7.34	—	60.47
Industrial preference stocks	53.53	12.61	—	53.54
3½% War Loan	25½	13.30	—	25½

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below.—

	High	Low
All-time	188.47 (15.09.72)	60.15 (13.12.74)
1973	167.27 (13.01.76)	109.31 (06.01.75)
1974	136.12 (29.03.73)	60.14 (13.12.74)
1973	188.36 (12.01.73)	134.96 (14.12.73)
1972	198.47 (15.08.72)	171.45 (10.01.72)
1971	174.77 (31.12.71)	132.33 (23.03.71)
1970	145.76 (14.01.70)	110.73 (25.06.70)

* First interest yield.

a Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for conversion. k Pre-emption rights. n Reduced interim. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. ‡ No significant data.

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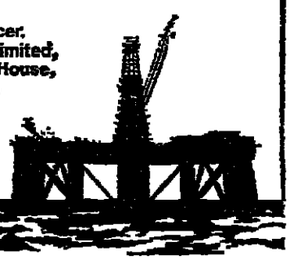
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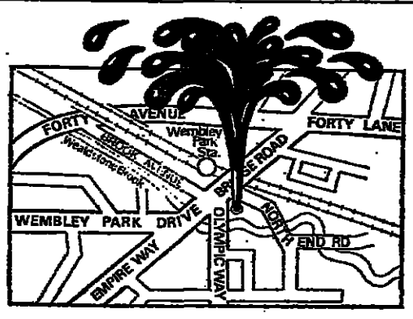
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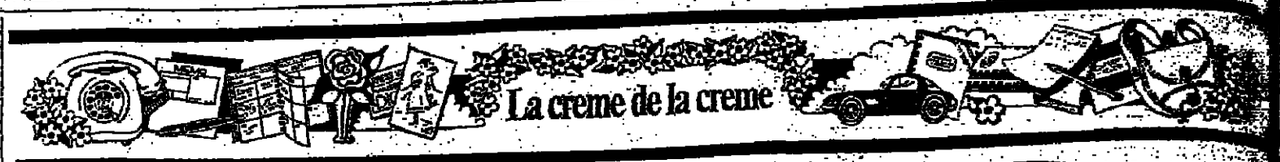
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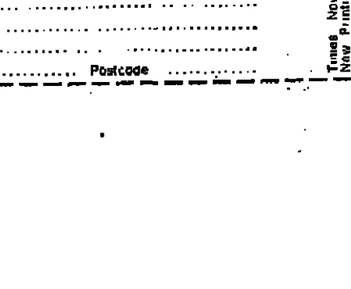
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11.00 am, You and Me. pm, News. 1.00, Pebble 1.45, Teddy Edward. 1.50- he Mister Men. 3.30, Day ight. 4.00, Play School. Pixie and Dixie. 4.30, ory. 4.45, Screen Test. John Craven. 5.15, 5.40, Paddington. News. 6.00, Nationwide. Film. Swordsman of Siena, with Stewart Granger. Dave Allen at Large. News. Sportsnight. Cup Soccer Action; European Figure Skating Championships from Geneva. Tonight. Weather.

nal variations (BBC 1) WALES.— 5.15-5.30 pm, Llwyd. 5.30-5.35, Ffilwc 0, Crystal Tipps. 6.00- Wales Today. Nationwide. 5, Heddiw. 7.15-7.45, Cwm. 7.45-8.15, The Good 35, News. LAND.— 6.00-6.45 pm, 9 Scotland. Nationwide. Scottish News Summary. IRN IRELAND.—6.00-6.45 ne Around Six. Nationwide. 1.30, Spotlight. 11.30, Ireland News.

BBC 2

10.35 am, Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan. 11.00-11.25, Play School. 7.05 pm, Trade Union Studies.
7.30 Newsday.
8.00 The Fishing Race, episode 2: The Plot Deepens.
8.25 Arena: Art and Design.
9.00 Nana Mouskouri.
9.45 Just a Nimmo.
10.15 Globe Theatre. Death of a Mountain Guide (La Mort d'un Guide) by Henry Grange, first shown by ORTF in France.
11.55 Newsnight.
12.10-12.15 am, Leslie Sands reads Cheddar Pinks, by Robert Bridges.

Thames

12.00, Rupert Bear. 12.10 pm, Mr Trimble. 12.30, Mr and Mrs. 1.00, News. 1.20, Lunchtime Today. 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, Good Afternoon. 2.30, Couples. 3.00, About Britain. 3.25, There Goes that Song Again. 3.55, General Hospital. 4.25, How. 4.50, Boy Dominic. 5.20, The Flintstones.
5.50 News. 6.00, Today.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 This Is Your Life.
7.30 Coronation Street.
8.00 And Mother Makes Five.
8.30 Oh No, It's Selwyn Froggitt.
9.00 Life and Death of Penelope. The Party, by Ray Evans.
10.00 News.
10.30 Haunted: Poor Girl.
11.30 Professional Wrestling.
12.00 What the Papers Say.
12.15 am, Initiators.

ATV

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, ATV News. 1.30, Thames. 5.20, ATV Today. 5.50, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35-12.00, Thames.

Southern

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Southern News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Sinbad Junior. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 7.00, Thames. 12.00, Southern News. 12.10 am, Weather. Guideline.

Scottish

12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Road Report. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Housecall. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Calimero. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, Highland Showboat. 7.00, Thames. 12.00, Late Call.

Granada

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, This is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, Take Kerr. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.30, University Challenge. 7.00, Thames. 11.30, What the Papers Say. 11.45-12.15 am, Professional Wrestling.

hames. 12.30 pm, Bygones. ews. 1.20, West Headlines. Wales Headlines. 1.30, 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, 5.20, Fable. 5.25, Cross- 5.50, News. 6.01, Report .15, Report Wales. 6.30, 's Wales. 7.00, Thames. Weather. HTV CYMRU/ As HTV except:1.20-1.25 awdau Newyddion y Dydd 0, Rhifeddodau. 6.01-6.15, 10.30, Devolution Special. Haunted: Poor Girl. 11.45. HTV WEST. As HTV 1.20-1.30 pm. West Headlines. 6.15-6.30, Report West.

Westward

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Westward News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 5.20, Supersonic. 5.50, News. 6.00, Westward Diary. 6.35, Thames. 11.55, Westward News. 11.58, Faith for Life.

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hames. 12.30 pm, Bygones. ews. 1.20, Calendar News. Thames. 5.20, Calendar. ws. 6.00, Calendar. 6.35- hames.

Border

12.00, Thames. 12.30 pm, Untamed World. 1.00, News. 1.20, Border News. 1.30, Thames. 5.20, Supersonic. 5.50, News. 6.00, Border News. 6.35, Thames. 12.00, Border News.

Tees

hames. 2.00 pm, Women 30, Thames. 5.20, Today. ews. 6.00, Today. 6.35, 11.30, Chess Masterpieces. pilogue.

Grampian

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Grampian News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 5.20, Thrillseekers. 5.45, Police News. 5.50, News. 6.00, Grampian Today. 6.35, Thames. 12.00, Prayers.

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hames. 1.20 pm, Ulster eadlines. 1.30, Thames. t of Town. 5.50, News. TV Reports. 6.35-12.00.

Anglia

12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Anglia News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Hogan's Heroes. 5.50, News. 6.00, About Anglia. 6.35, Thames. 12.00, The Big Question.

Radio

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6.00 am, News. Colin Berry. 7.00, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Tony Blackburn. 12.00, Johnnie Walker. 2.02 pm, David Hamilton. 4.30, D.L.T. 5.45, Newsbeat. 6.02, Sam Costa. 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.02, Pros and Cons.† 7.30, Borge on Offenbach.† 8.02, Command Performance.† 9.02, Sing Something Simple.† 9.30, All Time Hit Parade.† 11.00, John Peel.† 12.00-12.05 am, News. † stereo.

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6.00, Radio 1. 7.02, Terry Wogan.† 8.27, Racing Bulletin.† 9.02, Pete Murray.† 10.30, Waggoners' Walk.† 11.30, Jimmy Young.† 2.02 pm, Radio 1. 4.30, Waggoners' Walk. 4.45, Sports Desk. 4.47, Sam Costa.† 6.45, Radio 1. 11.05, Jean Challis (1500m). 12.00-12.05 am, News.

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7.00 am, News. 7.05, Your Midweek Choice: Rossini, Vivaldi, Schubert.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Your Midweek Choice, part 2: Ravel, Pleyel, Gounod.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Schubert.† 9.45, St Albans Organ Festival, part 1.† 10.20, Talks. 10.30, Concert, part 2.† 11.10, Violin recital: Smetana, Duncan Druce, Sarasate.† 11.40, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra: Haydn, Pfitzner, Sibelius.† 1.00 pm, News. 1.05, Concert Hall.† 2.00, Paul Wittgenstein: Prokofiev, Bach, transc. Brahms, Strauss.† 3.05, London Mozart Players, part 1: Mozart, Stolloy, Beethoven.† 3.55, Words. Cardew Robinson. 4.00, Concert, part 2: Stolloy, Benjamin Godard, Saint-Saëns, Janacek.† 5.00, Choral Evensong from St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast. 5.45, Homeward Bound.† 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound (continued).† 6.30, Wegweiser. 7.00, Ensemble. 7.30, Solti in Chicago: Berlioz, Strauss.† 8.00, Cavalli.† 9.45, The Arts Worldwide. 10.05, Jan Koetsier.† 10.15, Scientifically Speaking. Is the positivist view of science tenable? talk by Gunther Stent. 11.00, Maurice Emmanuel, piano.† 11.25-11.30, News.

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6.20 am, News. 6.22, Farming. 6.40, Prayer. 6.45, Today. 7.00, News and more of Today. 8.00, News and More of Today. 8.45, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, The Living World. 9.35, The Moon's a Balloon. 10.00, News. 10.5, In Britain Now. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, Sweet Songs of Zion. 11.30, Play: Who Killed Peter's Beetle? 12.00 pm, News. 12.02, You and Yours. 12.27, Top of the Form. 12.55, Weather.
1.00 pm, News. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play: Julie Sumner. 4.00, News. 4.05, A Man of Independent Mind. Portrait of Paul Leyton. 4.35, Story. The Luck of the Vails. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.55, Weather.
6.00, News. 6.15, Petticoat Line. 6.45, The Archers. 7.00, News. 7.30, It's Your Line: 01-580 4411. Paying for the Arts, with Roy Shaw. 8.30, Roy Hudd's all-time music hall. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.45, A Book at Bedtime. Cry, the Beloved Country. 11.00, The Financial World Tonight. 11.15, Today in Parliament. 11.30, News. 11.51-11.54, Inshore Forecast.

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BIRTHS

BOLS.—On January 12th at BMH Akrouri BFPO 53, to Sally Jane (nee Aiken) and Andrew—a son (Alexander Thomas George).

CONNELL.—On 12th January, 1976, at the Queen Mother Hospital, Yorkhill, Glasgow, G3, to Charles and Tugela, Craigallian, Milngavie, Glasgow—a son, both well.

COVEY-CRUMP.—On January 9th, to Janet (nee Cleeve) and Peter—twin daughters.

HOBDAY.—On January 12, to Maxine (nee Doyne-Ditmas) and Martin, a son. Present address: Fayleys Border, Aldworth, Berkshire.

JENKINS.—On January 11th to Joanna (nee Robb) and Simon Jenkins, a son (Robert Edward John).

LUXMOORE.—On Jan. 8th, in Richmond, Virginia, to Celia (nee Kyle) and Adrian M. C. Luxmoore—their third child, a daughter (Nina Helen).

O'SHAUGHNESSY.—On 12th January, at Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow, to Stella and Kevin—a daughter (Kate).

PERKINS.—On January 13th, at Barts to Penny (nee Crowther) and David Perkins—a daughter, sister for Sophie Lucy and Jake.

SANDERSON.—On 13th January at St Teresa's, Wimbledon, to Anne (nee Rush) and Geoffrey—a son (Michael William), a brother for Victoria.

DEATHS

ANGEAVE.—On 11th January, 1976, a few months after the death of his beloved wife Elsie, Charles Francis in his 90th year, loved father of Bruce. Funeral at the Hampstead Parish Church, London, N.W.3, Monday, 19th January, at 3 p.m., followed by cremation privately.

APPLEBY.—On December 26th, 1975, suddenly, at Mittenwald, Elisabeth Friederike, wife of Robert Appleby, CBE, of Englefield Green, Surrey.

AWDRY.—On 12th January, 1976, at Bromsgrove General Hospital in her 83rd year and after a short illness, Ruth Awdry, daughter of Dr Walter Robert Awdry and Sarah Margaret Catherine Awdry (nee King) of Berkeley. Funeral at Fairfield Church, Bromsgrove, on Thursday, 15th January, 2.15 p.m.

BEAZLEY.—On January 12th, 1976, peacefully, after a short illness, Nelio aged 84, dearly loved and loving mother of Sam, Simon, and Luke. Service at The Downs, Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, on Friday, January 16th, at 2.30 p.m. Cut flowers only please, may be sent to Hennings, 4-6 Montefiore Road, Hove.

BERNARD.—On January 12th, 1976, peacefully in hospital, William Simpson Bernard, of 2, Friary Way, Friern Barnet, N.12, late of Bank of Scotland, beloved husband of Rita, a much loved father and grandfather. Service at Highgate United Reformed Church, Highgate Hill, N.6, on Friday, Jan. 16th, at 11.30 a.m., prior to private cremation, family flowers only please.

BOUTFLOWER.—On January 12th, peacefully, in hospital, Joyce, of 50 Burtonstone Lane, York, widow of Cecil Henry Boutflower, late Bishop of Southampton. Daughter of the Rev Halsall Segar.

BRENNINKMEYER. — On 10th January, 1976, aged 82, fortified by the Rites of the Roman Catholic Church, Bernard, Knight Commander of St Gregory the Great, Officer in the Order of Orange Nassau of Laritlaan, 5, Hilversum, The Netherlands, widower of Martha Antonia Elizabeth. Funeral will take place in Mettingen, on Thursday, 15th January, 1976. Requiem Mass at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London, W.1, at 10 a.m., on Thursday, 22nd January, 1976. R.I.P.

BUTTERFIELD.—On January 12th, 1976, Harry Greenwood Butterfield, D.M., of 11 de Walden Court, London, W.1, aged 91. Cremation 3.50 p.m. Friday, January 16th, East Chapel, Golders Green.

CHAMBERS.—On January 12th, 1976, suddenly, Martin Royston Chambers, loving husband of Marcia and dear father of Robert, Mark, David, Christopher and Dominic of The Orchard House, Little Rissington, nr. Bourton-on-the-Water, Glos. Service Friday, January 16th, 3 p.m. at Little Rissington Church. No flowers.

COLVIN.—On January 13, 1976, Beatrice Colvin, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., aged 63 years, of "F", Laverstock, Boscombe Cliff Road, Bournemouth. Beloved wife of Gilbert and a dear mother and grandmother. Please, no mourning or flowers. Donations, if desired, to your local branch of Multiple Sclerosis Society.

DIGBY.—On January 12th, peacefully, in hospital, Giles Stephen Fitzmaurice, of 28 Holland Park, W.11. Funeral private.

DIGGLE.—On January 12th, at Tellisford House, near Bath, Gladys St Aubyn, in her 94th year, wife of the late Captain N. W. Diggle, R.N., and widow of Sir Walter Balfour Barttelot, 3rd Bt. of Stopham, Sussex. Dearly loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral service at Tellisford Church at 3 p.m. on Friday, 16th January.

EASTWOOD.—On January 13th, 1976, Dulcie Pennington Eastwood, of Patch End, Guiting Power, Cheltenham, Gloucs. Service, Friday, January 16th, at 11 a.m. at Guiting Power Church. No flowers. If desired, donations for the Church may be sent to the Reverend P. Braby.

ENGLISH.—On January 12th, 1976, peacefully, in a nursing home, Henry Edwin English, beloved husband of the late Ruby Lister and father of Alan, John, Lister and Colin. Service at Guildford Crematorium, Thursday (15th), 3.30 p.m.

FABER.—On January 12th Dorothy Brace, Dame of the Order of St John, daughter of the late Rev H. M. and Mrs Faber of Malvern and Cheltenham. Funeral service at St Philip and St James' Church, Cheltenham, on Friday, January 16th, at 10.30 a.m., followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations may be sent to the County Commissioner, St John's Ambulance Brigade, 12 Royal Crescent, Cheltenham.

GRAVES.—On January 13th, 1976, peacefully, at Torbay Hospital, Torquay, Clarissa Jamie, aged 83, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. P. Graves, of Harlech. Cremation private.

GRIFFITHS.—On January 10th, 1976, Margaret Elizabeth of 25 Little Gaddesden, Berkhamsted, Herts., beloved sister of Joan. Funeral at Little Gaddesden Church at 2.30 Friday, 16th January. No flowers please. Enquiries to F. Young & Son, 284 High Street, Berkhamsted, Herts.

GUEST.—On January 10th, peacefully in her sleep after a long illness, at 4 Oakroyd Avenue, Potters Bar, in her 68th year, Christabel, daughter of John Kelly, of Shellag, Isle of Man, and dearly loved wife of Evan Rhuvon Guest, formerly of The Old Coach House, Old Hatfield. Funeral at Garston Crematorium, near Watford, on Monday, January 19th, at 4.20 p.m.

HOLGATE.—On January 12th, 1976, peacefully, Maurice Wilcock, of the Clough, Barrow Lane, Hale, Cheshire. Dearly loved husband of Dorothy and father of Diana. Funeral service St. Peter's Church, Hale, Friday, January 16th, at 11.15 a.m., followed by private cremation. All flowers and enquiries to Arthur Gresty, N.A.F.D., Marslamb Rd., Sale. Telephone 061-973 1313.

HOPKINS.—On 10th January, 1976, Phyllis May Hopkins, wife of the late Major G. F. T. Hopkins C.B.E., M.V.O., M.C., R.A. of The Flat, St. George's Garage, St. George's Rd., Southsea. Cremation at 2 p.m. Friday, 16th January, at Porchester Crematorium, Porchester, Hants. Flowers to Thomas Pink and Son, Bank Street, Bishops Waltham, Southampton. Or if desired, donations to B.L.E.S.M.A., Frankland Moore House, 185/187 High Rd., Chadwell Heath, Essex.

HUME.—On 12th January, 1976, peacefully, in hospital, at Hastings, Vera Lilian (nee Hope), beloved sister of Prudence Morris.

JOHNSTON.—On January 12th, 1976, at The Grange, Plaxtol, Kent, Robin, husband of Elizabeth and the late Dorothy and father of Auriol, Maryon, Malcolm, Joanna, Amanda, Charles, Andrew and Timothy. Funeral private. Memorial service at Plaxtol Parish Church, 3 p.m., on Sunday, January 18th.

MALLOWAN.—On 12th January, Agatha Mary Clarissa, peacefully at home, beloved wife of Max, beloved mother and grandmother. Funeral private. A memorial service will be arranged later.

MAY.—On 11th January, in Sydney, Australia, Frederick May, Professor of Italian, University of Sydney. Formerly head of Italian Department, University of Leeds (1948-1963). Mourned by family and friends.

PEAL.—On January 12th, 1976, Cecil Frederick, aged 75, of Penny Oak, Fulmer Road, Gerrards Cross. Funeral private. No flowers please.

ROBERTSON.—On January 10th at Dorset County Hospital, Jack, beloved husband of Molly and father of Alistair. Private cremation. Memorial service at Tarrant Gunville Parish Church on Thursday, 15th January at 3.15 p.m. No flowers please.

ROBERTSON.—On January 12th, 1976, suddenly, but very peacefully, Myra Leonora, dearly loved wife of Teddy. Very dear mother of Mary and Jane. "God gave his children memory that they might have June roses in December". Funeral 1 p.m., Saturday, January 17th, St. Margaret's Halstead, Kent. Flowers to Strusan, Watercroft Road, Halstead.

ROONEY.—On January 12th, suddenly, John (Mick) Lt. Col. R.M.C., of The Copse, Pampisford, Cambridgeshire, beloved husband of Susanna and father of John, Julian, Toby, Benedict and Daniel. Requiem Mass at Sawston Catholic Church, 3 p.m. Friday, 16th January.

SANDERSON, A. D. (SANDY).—On January 6th, 1976, at Wellington Hospital, New Zealand, suddenly. Loved husband of Jill, of 114 Renown Road, Raumati Beach. Formerly of Chislehurst, Kent. Cremated at Wellington on January 9th, 1976.

SMYTHE.—On January 11, peacefully at his home in Winchester, Dr Gerald Arthur Smythe, in his 88th year, devoted husband of the late Sarolta, much loved father of Diana, Daphne and Anne and dear Gandy of John, Susan, Rosemary, Kathryn and Nicholas. Funeral at the Chapel of St Cross, Friday, Jan 16th, at 11 am.

STARKEY, LADY GEORGIANA MARY (nee Curzon).—Beloved mother of Glen Kidston and sister of The Earl Howe, peacefully at The Retreat, York, 11th January. Funeral service at Penn Parish Church, 11 am, Thursday, 15th January, and interment Holy Trinity Church, Penn Street Village. Flowers to Holy Trinity Church, Penn Street.

TERRY.—On January 12th, 1976, Amy, peacefully after long suffering courageously borne. Beloved wife of L. A. Terry, Rock, Cornwall. Cremation private, Thursday. No flowers please.

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WINDLE.—On January 13th, 1976, at Seaford, R. H. C. (Paddy) Windle, in his 82nd year, recently of St Michael's, Tenterden. Father of Dick and Gordon. Cremation Tunbridge Wells, Monday, January 19th, at noon. No flowers.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

MITCHELL-HEGGS.—A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Gordon Mitchell-Heggs will be held at noon on Wednesday, February 4th at The Church of St. Andrew-By-The-Wardrobe, Queen Victoria St., E.C.4.

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TWINING.—A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of May Twining will be held at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, S.W.1 on Friday, January 30th at 2 p.m.

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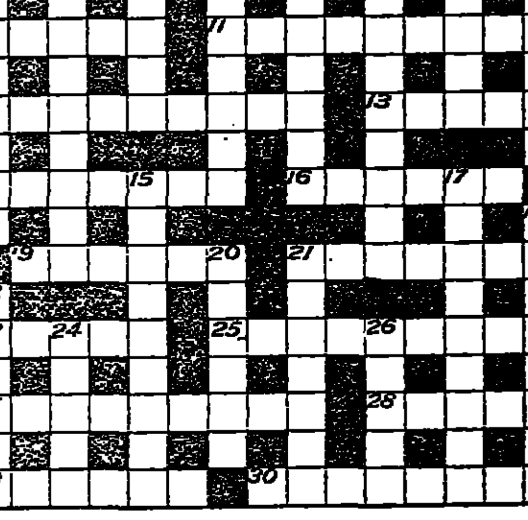
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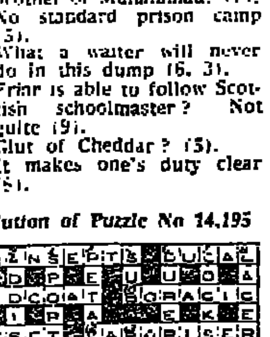
ACROSS

1 Shortage of supplies in blitzed Coventry for instance? (8).
5 Fair hair, Cockney style? (6).
10 Grant first letters of administration with it (5).
11 Go to the enchanter, he has good news (9).
12 Voice from the other side—Lot possibly? (9).
13 Mary Anne avoids men of this linguistic family (5).
14 Catches parents out (7).
16 "You're asleep" says Louis, but the line's dead (6).
19 Bird found in big quarry (6).
21 *Like road fuel for poor* brother of Muhammad? (7).
23 No standard prison camp (5).
25 What a waiter will never do in this dump (6, 3).
27 Friar is able to follow Scottish schoolmaster? Not quite (9).
28 Glut of Cheddar? (5).
29 It makes one's duty clear (6).
30 Repairs points after breakdown of 29 (8).

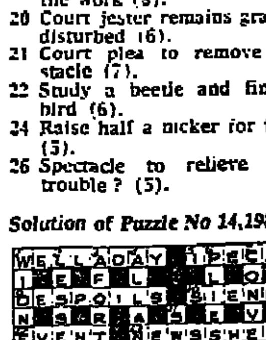
DOWN

1 Head of Sales looks at cloth samples (8).
2 Tribe of old fossils! (9).
3 Make provision for damaged crate (5).
4 Got up, with broken legs, by holding crosspieces (7).
6 Some talk of another name for Paris (9).
7 Poor girl Stuart wished provision made for (5).
8 Said to be hurled from the seat of power (6).
9 Lady's man provides safe company (6).
15 Proud attitude of Grace and Nora disturbing (9).
17 He revels in noise (9).
18 *Church bodies dividing up* the work (8).
20 Court jester remains gravely disturbed (6).
21 Court plea to remove obstacle (7).
22 Study a beetle and find a bird (6).
24 Raise half a nicker for fruit (5).
26 Spectacle to relieve eye-trouble? (5).

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CHANEY.—WILLIAM FREDERICK CHANEY, late of 272 Wilson Avenue, Rochester, Kent, died there on 31st July, 1975 (estate about £20,000).

CROCKETT.—SIDNEY CROCKETT otherwise SYDNEY CROCKETT otherwise SYDNEY HERBERT CROCKETT, late of 11 Pleshey Road, Islington, London, N.7, died at Islington on 4th November, 1975 (estate about £3,500).

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